



Area 51 events in Nevada prompt emergency crowd planning

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Fearing they could be overwhelmed with visitors, officials in the remote Nevada county that's home to the Area 51 military base have drafted an emergency declaration and a plan to team resources with neighboring counties and the state ahead of events next month tied to the "Storm Area 51" internet drive. The elected board governing the county with about 5,200 residents conditionally approved two events Monday for tiny desert towns near the once top-secret U.S. Air Force test area known in popular lore as a site for government studies of outer space aliens.



In this July 22, 2019 file photo, signs warn about trespassing at an entrance to the Nevada Test and Training Range near Area 51 outside of Rachel, Nev.

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Trump: Any Jew voting Democratic is uninformed or disloyal

By **JONATHAN LEMIRE and DARLENE SUPERVILLE**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Showing a fresh willingness to play politics along religious and racial lines, President Donald Trump said Tuesday that American Jewish people who vote for Democrats show "either a total lack of knowledge or great disloyalty."

Trump's claim triggered a quick uproar from critics who said the president was trading in anti-Semitic stereotypes.

It came amid his ongoing feud with Democratic congresswomen Ilhan Omar of Minnesota and Rashida Tlaib of Michigan, both Muslim.

Trump has closely aligned himself with Israel, including its conservative prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, while the Muslim lawmakers have been outspoken critics of Israel's treatment of the Palestinians. Tlaib is a U.S.-born Palestinian American, while Omar was born in Somalia.

"Where has the Democratic Party gone? Where have

they gone where they are defending these two people over the state of Isra-

el?" Trump told reporters in the Oval Office. "I think any Jewish people that vote for a Democrat, I think it shows either a total lack of knowl-



President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting with Romanian President Klaus Iohannis in the Oval Office of the White House, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2019, in Washington.

Associated Press

edge or great disloyalty."

country. Israel later agreed to a humanitarian visit for Tlaib to visit her grandmother, who lives in the West Bank. Tlaib declined, saying her grandmother had ultimately urged her not to come under what they considered to be humiliating circumstances.

Trump called Omar a "disaster" for Jews and said he didn't "buy" the tears that Tlaib shed Monday as she discussed the situation. Both congresswomen support the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement, a global protest of Israel.

Trump's comments were denounced swiftly by Jewish American organizations. "This is yet another example of Donald Trump continuing to weaponize and politicize anti-Semitism," said Halie Soifer, executive director of the Jewish Democratic Council of America. "At a time when anti-Semitic incidents have increased — due to the president's emboldening of white nationalism — Trump is repeating an anti-Semitic trope."

Logan Bayroff of the liberal J Street pro-Israel group said it was "no surprise that the president's racist, dis-

ingenuous attacks on progressive women of color in Congress have now transi-

tioned into smears against Jews."

"It is dangerous and shameful for President Trump to attack the large majority of the American Jewish community as unintelligent and 'disloyal,'" Bayroff said. A number of groups noted that accusations of disloyalty have long been made against Jews, including in Europe during the 1930s.

Ann Lewis and Mark Mellman of Democratic Majority for Israel called it "one of the most dangerous, deadly accusations Jews have faced over the years. False charges of disloyalty over the centuries have led to Jews being murdered, jailed and tortured."

The Republican Jewish Coalition defended Trump, arguing that the president was speaking about people being disloyal to themselves rather than to Israel. "President Trump is right, it shows a great deal of disloyalty to oneself to defend a party that protects/emboldens people that hate you for your religion," the group said in a tweet. "The @GOP, when rarely confronted w/anti-Semitism of elected members always acts swiftly and decisively to punish and remove."

American Jews don't necessarily support everything that Israel does, nor are most single-issue voters.

Recent polling shows that a majority of Jews identify as Democrats.

According to AP VoteCast, a survey of the 2018 electorate, 72% of Jewish voters supported Democratic House candidates in 2018. Similarly, 74% said they disapprove of how Trump is handling his job.

A Pew Research Center poll conducted in April found that among Jewish Americans, 42% said Trump is favoring the Israelis too much, 6% said he's favoring the Palestinians too much and 47% said he's striking the right balance. Jews were more likely than Christians to say Trump favors the Israelis too much, 42% to 26%.

Omar was roundly criticized by members of both parties for saying during a town hall earlier this year that she wanted to discuss "the political influence in this country that says it is OK for people to push for allegiance to a foreign country."

This is not the first time Trump has been criticized for remarks seen by some as anti-Semitic. In 2015, Trump, then a candidate, spoke to the Republican Jewish Coalition and made a similar comment.

"You're not going to support me because I don't want your money," he said then. "You want to control your politicians, that's fine." Later in the campaign, he tweeted a graphic critical of his opponent Hillary Clinton that featured a six-pointed star, a pile of cash and the words "most corrupt candidate ever." The star was believed by many to be the Star of David, which is featured on the Israeli flag. The campaign denied that the star carried any special meaning.

The president first attacked Omar and Tlaib, and two other Democratic congresswomen of color, last month by telling them to "go back" to their home countries. All four are United States citizens. □

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In this July 22, 2019 file photo, Linda Looney wipes her face outside of the Alien Research Center, a gift shop on the Extraterrestrial Highway, in Crystal Springs, Nev.

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"Oh, we're taking this seriously," Lincoln County Commission Chairman Varlin Higbee told the Las Vegas Review-Journal. "With the possibility of 35,000 to 40,000 people showing up, yeah, this is serious." County officials are concerned that a surge of visitors will crowd campsites, gas stations and public medical, internet and cell-phone services. Officials count just 184 hotel rooms in the county nearly twice the size of the Connecticut. "The cellphone system is going to go down," Higbee said. "You get more than a couple of hundred people there, and it's going to crash. Cell service won't be available." The Little A'Le'Inn in the community of Rachel, population about 50, is scheduling a three-day music festival Sept. 20-22 dubbed Alienstock. Hotel co-owner Connie West has said she's expecting 10,000 people. The Alien Research Cen-

ter souvenir shop in Hiko, a town of about 120 a 45-minute drive from Rachel, plans a Sept. 20-21 exposition. The events evolved from an internet post inviting people to run into the remote test area in the Nevada desert that has long been the focus of UFO conspiracy theories. County Sheriff Kerry Lee said Tuesday he was meeting with state emergency planning officials. County officials have also met with officials from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department in Clark County, the sheriffs of White Pine and Nye counties, and the Nevada Highway Patrol. Eric Holt, county emergency manager, asked commissioners to "pre-sign" the emergency declaration. Higbee, who has authority to invoke a declaration, said it would let Lincoln County seek financial help and emergency personnel from the state. "We don't know where or

how far our resources are going to go," he said. "A lot of it is equipment and financing. The county only has so much money to deal with." Higbee said visitors should not to try to enter Area 51.

"We don't want them going down to government property; it will probably be blocked off," he said. "We don't want civilian people in contact with the military at all. That will get ugly." The conditional permits

require festival and event organizers to submit final plans to the Lincoln County Commission by Sept. 3. "They have to have their security, medical, parking plans and few other things (ready)," Higbee said. □

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In a Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2017 file photo, Rep. Doug McLeod, R-Lucedale, questions a health care witness at a House Medicaid Committee hearing, at the Capitol in Jackson, Miss. Associated Press

Judge acquits Mississippi lawmaker accused of punching wife

LUCEDALE, Miss. (AP) — A judge on Tuesday acquitted a Mississippi lawmaker of a domestic violence charge in which he was accused of punching his wife in the face because she didn't undress quickly enough when he wanted to have sex. George County Justice Court Judge Mike Bullock found state Rep. Doug

McLeod not guilty of a misdemeanor domestic violence charge during a one-day bench trial after McLeod's wife testified on her husband's behalf.

The Sun Herald reports Michele McLeod testified that her husband drank less than two tumblers full of wine, mixing them with prescription-strength painkiller on May 18. Michele McLeod said Doug McLeod was "in a state of delirium" when one of his limbs, "probably his arm," hit her face.

Michele McLeod had refused to cooperate with or testify for the prosecution. Before announcing his verdict, Bullock said that he could understand after hearing the wife's testimony how Doug McLeod could have struck her accidentally.

Michele McLeod's testimony contrasted with body camera video recorded by a deputy who responded to the home May 18. In the video recorded that night, Michele McLeod described her husband as an angry drunk. "Anything can trigger him to get like that," she told George County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Karg. "He lost it. He gets like that when he drinks too much." The deputy arrived after Magen Merrill, a friend of Michele McLeod who was present that night, called 911. Merrill testified Tuesday that Michele McLeod ran into an upstairs bedroom where Merrill was. Merrill said she locked the door and wouldn't let Michele McLeod wash her hands and face until deputies arrived. When Karg came to the front door, Merrill said she couldn't go down to meet him because Doug McLeod was pounding on the bedroom door.

Doug McLeod opened the door for Karg and said "Are you kidding me?" when Karg told him why he was there, according to the court testimony. After walking back inside the house, McLeod returned outside and said, "I'm sorry. I'm sorry, man."

Karg said McLeod was drinking out of a glass that smelled like "wine or alcohol." Defense attorney Christopher Dobbins focused Tuesday on the three different police reports produced in the case. While on the stand, Karg testified that Michele McLeod told him she was hit because she was not undressing fast enough for sex, mirroring what Merrill testified to earlier in the morning. However, one of the three reports left that detail out, and Karg said his body camera was off when Michele McLeod told him that. McLeod, a second-term Lucedale Republican, represents parts of George and Stone counties in southeast Mississippi. He stands unopposed for reelection and his arrest came after the qualifying deadline for the November ballot.

Despite his acquittal, McLeod could still face repercussions in the Legislature. House Speaker Philip Gunn, a Clinton Republican, said he would refer the matter to the House Ethics Committee.

"This whole situation is still very concerning, not only to me, but to many other members of the House of Representatives," Gunn said in a statement. "The court may have found Rep. McLeod not guilty, but as a member of the Mississippi Legislature to find yourself in this situation — it is still an issue." □



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Philly police head resigns after mayor reads bias lawsuit

By MARK SCOLFORO

Associated Press

Philadelphia's police commissioner resigned Tuesday amid allegations that members of his department engaged in sexual harassment and racial and gender discrimination against two women serving in the ranks.

Mayor Jim Kenney said in a news release he was disappointed to lose Commissioner Richard Ross Jr., but in light of the new allegations, he said Ross' "resignation is in the best interest of the department."

Kenney spokeswoman Deana Gamble said Ross offered his resignation after Kenney learned details of the allegations by the women, including one who says she once had an affair with Ross.

The corporal and patrol officer made the allegations against several department employees.

Gamble said Ross knew about the alleged harassment and failed to respond adequately.

An amended version of the women's federal lawsuit was filed Monday.

"The mayor wanted to figure out what occurred," Gamble said. "After he read the complaint, the mayor decided to accept his resignation."

Ross, who is black, joined the department in 1989 and had served as commissioner since January 2016. He did not respond to messages seeking comment.

The lawsuit alleges discrimination, a hostile work environment, retaliation and other counts.

It says the women "have suffered continuous and ongoing sexual harassment and discrimination by both co-workers and supervisors," including groping, sexual comments and sexual advances, and that they faced retaliation for complaining about it.

The lawsuit, in which Ross and the city are among the defendants, was filed by a corporal and an officer, one black, the other black Hispanic.

It claimed Ross had had a two-year relationship with one of the women, an affair that ended in 2011.

The women's civil lawyer, Ian Bryson, said they had not expected Ross to resign.

"If that's what it takes to shed light on this issue, then we see it as a win for working people," Bryson said.

The lawsuit said when one of the women told Ross she had been subjected to sexual harassment and a hostile work environment, he responded brusquely.

"Commissioner Ross declined to act on her report, and instead suggested, 'So why don't you just order his dumb ass to go sit down and get out of your face of-ficer,'" the lawsuit alleged. Kenney noted a sexual harassment prevention policy and efforts to prevent workplace discrimination and harassment were imple-



In this Thursday, Aug. 15, 2019 photo, Philadelphia Police Commissioner Richard Ross, right, speaks during a news conference as Mayor Jim Kenney looks on at City Hall in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

mented a year ago. "While rolling out a new policy understandably takes time, I do not believe the Police Department has taken the necessary actions to address the underlying cultural issues that too often negatively impact women — especially women of color," Kenney said in a statement. The mayor said an unspecified independent entity will investigate the recent allegations and recommend how to address discrimination and harassment within the police agency.

Asked if the city has taken any personnel action related to the lawsuit and Ross' departure, Gamble responded that an inter-

nal investigation is currently underway. The city police have had a checkered relationship with the people they serve, and this summer about 100 people protested outside police headquarters, demanding action in response to reports some officers had made racist and violent social-media posts.

Ross said the day he took the job that it was a "challenging time for law enforcement" and acknowledged the department had "some issues."

"We have to confront them and we have to be bold about it," Ross said in 2016. John McNesby, president of the police union, called

Ross "a shining example that hard work and dedication can lead you to the top of your profession" and said he served with honor and respect.

Just last week, Kenney called Ross the best police commissioner in America after a gunman's long standoff with police.

But during that standoff, hostility between residents and police was evident, as residents harassed officers trying to keep peace at the scene.

Kenney named Deputy Commissioner Christine Coulter to serve as acting commissioner during a search for Ross' replacement. □

Lawmakers are told port authority lacked accounting records

By **SUSAN HAIGH**

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) —

Connecticut lawmakers were told Tuesday that the Connecticut Port Authority, which has come under scrutiny for paying a former board chairwoman's daughter \$3,000 for office art, operated for a period of time without accounting records detailing bank transactions or formal written policies addressing personnel practices to the use of surplus funds.

John Rasimas, deputy state auditor, outlined for members of the General Assembly's Transportation Committee a recent audit for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 that showed the quasi-public agency did not maintain the "basic elements" of internal accounting procedures.

"We found that the Connecticut Port Authority did not maintain accounting records detailing the transactions and balances of its bank accounts during that audit period," he said, adding how the authority could not show auditors that



In this April 22, 2011 file photo, men fish from a pier in the Port of New Haven, Conn., as cargo vessels are docked at rear.

its records matched the amounts shown on the authority's bank statements. A second audit is currently underway.

Lawmakers held a daylong hearing on the finances and management practices at the port authority, which began operating in

2016, charged with marketing and making investments in the state's three deep water ports and small harbors to maximize their full potential. It's one of more than a dozen quasi-public agencies, which are state-chartered but privately managed orga-

nizations created to take on public missions. They're considered more nimble than a traditional state agency.

Most recently, the port authority has played a key role in Connecticut's push to develop an offshore wind industry. The authority and the new private operator of the state pier in New London recently partnered with Bay State Wind to redevelop the pier into a state-of-the-art facility that can accommodate offshore wind components. Besides the auditors, lawmakers Tuesday heard from representatives of Democratic Gov. Ned

Lamont's administration, including Department of Economic and Community Development Deputy Commissioner David Kooris, who Lamont has appointed to temporarily oversee the authority. Kooris said he is working to review the "authority's finances with a fine-toothed comb" and is bringing in an external auditor for another review.

Kooris tried to assure lawmakers that he has determined port authority staff members attempted to pursue "best practices" from other quasi-public agencies, but those recommendations were not followed through by the authority's top leadership.

But Republican legislators expressed disappointment that several previous port authority officials didn't attend Tuesday's forum, including former board chairwoman and Old Lyme First Selectman Bonnie Remsnyder, suggesting they be subpoenaed to testify.

"It is essential for government transparency that they attend and be able to answer questions from the committee, otherwise this hearing will be unproductive," the committee's two GOP leaders wrote in a letter to the Democratic chairmen. Sen. Carlo Leone, D-Stamford, the committee's co-chairman, said lawmakers are waiting to see if those officials ultimately submit written statements. □

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2 drug companies settle with counties in opioid-crisis suit

By **JULIE CARR SMYTH and GEOFF MULVIHILL**

Associated Press

Two pharmaceutical companies have reached settlements totaling \$15 million to avoid being defendants in the first federal trial on the drug industry's accountability for a nationwide opioid crisis.

Dublin, Ireland-based Endo Pharmaceuticals announced Tuesday that it has agreed to pay the Ohio counties of Cuyahoga and Summit, home to Cleveland and Akron, a total of

\$10 million to settle their suits, which are still scheduled to go to trial against other drugmakers and distributors Oct. 21.

As part of the deal, Endo also agreed to supply \$1 million worth of blood pressure medicines it produces for the counties.

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2015 North Dakota liquid gas spill much bigger than reported

By JAMES MacPHERSON
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A 2015 pipeline spill of liquid natural gas in western North Dakota initially reported as just 10 gallons is at least hundreds of thousands of gallons larger and may take another decade to clean up, state health officials said Tuesday.

Oklahoma-based Oneok Partners LP reported the 10-gallon spill of natural gas liquids, or "condensate," from a pipeline at its Garden Creek gas plant near Watford City in July 2015. A report by the North Dakota Health Department said "ground around the pipe was saturated with natural gas condensate of an unknown volume."

State Environmental Quality Chief Dave Glatt said the company reported last October that it had recovered 240,000 gallons of the liquid gas and that clean-up was ongoing.

But the Health Department never updated its report to reflect the severity of the spill.

Glatt said doing so was not required and would have been "just wild guesses anyway."

The larger-than-reported size of the spill was first reported Monday by DeSmog, a blog dedicated to fighting climate change skepticism, which reported that the spill could be as large as 11 million gallons. The blog cited an unnamed person who provid-

ed a draft document on a cleanup plan. Oneok said in a statement Tuesday that the document was done by a consultant "as part of their design process to address the release." The company said the actual amounts of the release aren't known.

"The volume estimates included in the document were hypothetical assumptions and were used solely as a basis for the vendor's equipment design to complete the response action efforts," the company said. Oneok said the release was caused by "hairline cracks" in a 2-inch-wide underground pipe at the facility. Regulators don't know how long the line had been leaking, but they said it was repaired immediately after being discovered.

"Repairs and modifications have been made to help ensure that another release does not occur," the statement said. "Due to the below ground nature of the release, it is impossible to determine the actual volume released with any level of certainty or accuracy."

State environmental scientist Bill Suess visited the site the Tuesday, the day after the blog post appeared. He estimated the affected area to be about 240,000 square feet.

Suess said some groundwater was affected at the site but the spill didn't reach beyond the facility's boundaries. □

Former VA pathologist charged in deaths of 3 patients

By ANDREW DeMILLO
Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A pathologist fired from an Arkansas veterans hospital after officials said he had been impaired while on duty was charged Tuesday with involuntary manslaughter in the deaths of three patients who authorities say he misdiagnosed and whose records he later altered to conceal his mistakes.

A grand jury indictment unsealed Tuesday charged Dr. Robert Morris Levy in the patients' deaths and on multiple charges of fraud and making false statements for his alleged attempts to conceal his substance abuse and incorrect diagnoses.

"In doing so, he was allowed to stay employed with the Veterans Administration, thus earning a salary, benefits and possibly a bonus," Duane Kees, the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas, said at a news conference in Fayetteville, referring to the Department of Veterans Affairs by its former name. Levy, who worked at the Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks in Fayetteville, was paid an annual salary of \$225,000, according to the indictment. He was fired from the hospital in April 2018.

VA officials said in January that outside pathologists reviewed nearly 34,000 cases handled by Levy and found more than 3,000 errors or missed diagnoses dating back to 2005. Levy has acknowledged that he



In this Aug. 17, 2019 file photo provided by the Washington County, Arkansas Sheriff's Department, Robert Levy is pictured in a booking photo.

Associated Press

once showed up to work at the Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks drunk in 2016, but he denied that he had worked while impaired. He entered an inpatient treatment program following that incident and returned to work in October 2016 after agreeing to remain sober and submitting to random drug testing. Levy, who was being held at the Washington County jail, pleaded not guilty at a hearing Tuesday. Kees said that as of Tuesday morning, Levy had not obtained counsel to represent him in the case.

In the deaths, Levy is accused of falsifying entries in his patients' records after making incorrect and misleading diagnoses. In one case, a patient died of prostate cancer after Levy determined that his biopsy showed he didn't have cancer, prosecutors allege.

Prosecutors say a second patient died of squamous cell carcinoma after Levy

misdiagnosed the patient with another form of carcinoma. In a third case, the indictment says, a patient with small cell carcinoma was treated for a type of cancer he didn't have following an incorrect diagnosis by Levy, and died.

In two cases, he's accused of falsifying patients' medical records to state that a second pathologist agreed with his diagnosis.

Prosecutors say Levy received bonuses in 2016 and 2017 that were based in part on him reporting that his clinical errors were less than five percent. But, according the indictment, almost 10 percent of the diagnoses he made had clinical errors.

"These charges send a clear signal that anyone entrusted with the care of veterans will be held accountable for placing them at risk by working while impaired or through other misconduct," VA Inspector General Michael Missal said. □

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Italian premier resigns, blames deputy for political crisis

By FRANCES D'EMILIO

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte resigned Tuesday, blaming the collapse of his 14-month-old populist government on his rebellious, anti-migrant Interior Minister Matteo Salvini, who triggered a political crisis to try to force early elections.

Addressing the Senate, Conte blasted Salvini for setting in motion a “dizzying spiral of political and financial instability” by essentially pulling the plug on the government. Salvini’s right-wing League party sought a no-confidence vote against Conte earlier this month, a stunningly bold move for the government’s junior coalition partner. Conte, a lawyer with no political experience who was tapped to break a post-election stalemate last year, handed his resignation to President Sergio Mattarella at the presidential palace Tuesday night. Mattarella, who is head of state, requested that Conte and the rest of the government stay on in a caretaker role, while he works in the coming days to determine



Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte, left, is hugged by Deputy Premier Luigi Di Maio at the end of his address to the Senate, in Rome, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2019.

whether to call new elections. Mattarella will first see if another viable coalition can be cobbled together. Salvini, who sat next to Conte during his speech, smirking at times, declared, “I’d do it all again.” He repeatedly kissed a rosary he slipped out of his pocket right after Conte rebuked him for associating “political slogans with religious symbols.” In the European

Parliament election three months ago in Italy, as well as in current opinion polls, Salvini’s League party has become the No. 1 political force among Italians. His crackdown on migrants, whom the party’s voter base largely blames for crime, appears to be a huge factor in Salvini’s climbing popularity. Early elections would pull the plug on Parliament 3½

years ahead of schedule, perhaps as soon as late October. That would mean political campaigning in the middle of delicate budget maneuvers that will be closely monitored by the European Union. The EU is concerned about Italy’s shaky finances and long stagnant economy, and it expects billions of euros in budget slashing that lawmakers running for office

might be loath to make. Should any early elections sweep Salvini into power, financial markets could be rattled by his Euro-skepticism.

Depicting himself in counterpoint to Salvini’s often derogatory depiction of European Union rules, Conte said: “I tried in these 14 months to guide Italy’s policy along the path of a critical pro-Europe line, but always oriented constructively.”

While off-bickering, the government made up of the anti-establishment 5-Star Movement and the rival League party reflected the results of Italy’s 2018 election and aimed to “interpret the desires of citizens who in their vote expressed a desire for change,” Conte said. Despite the acrimony, Conte defended the government’s support for Salvini’s migrant crackdown, including stiffening fines to as much as 1 million euros (\$1.1 million) for captains of humanitarian rescue boats who dock without permission and allow migrants ashore, as well as the seizure of such boats. □



This picture taken on Aug. 16, 2019 by the Finance Police of the Sardinian port of Porto Torres, Italy, shows 14 plastic bottles of sand seized from a French couple in the trunk of the couple’s car.

Associated Press

French couple could face jail time for taking Italian sand

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — A French couple faces up to six years in jail for taking around 40 kg (88.1lbs) of white sand from a beach on the Italian island of Sardinia.

Italian finance police said Tuesday they discovered the sand from a Chia beach stashed in 14 plastic bottles in the couple’s SUV during a check as it boarded a ferry Aug. 15 from Sardinia to France.

The couple told police they didn’t know it was against the law to take the island’s famed sand, which is protected as a public good. If found guilty, they face one to six years in jail for aggravated theft.

It’s not clear when a trial may be held.

Italian finance police say the sand theft was one of the bigger revealed during a recent crackdown. □

UK, EU only harden their positions on Brexit as G-7 nears

By **RAF CASERT**
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Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union and Britain, which are hurtling toward a costly, damaging no-deal split in a little over two months, kicked off a high-wire week of diplomacy Tuesday by entrenching themselves deeper in their irreconcilable positions.

Highlighting new British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's determination to leave the bloc on Oct. 31 even if no Brexit divorce deal is in place, his government said as of Sept. 1 it would stop attending all EU meetings where its vital interests were not at stake. Johnson's Downing Street office doubled down on the message later, stating that unless the trade backstop on the Irish border was abolished "there's no prospect of a deal."

The EU, which is not known for its speedy diplomacy, took only half a day to rebuff a four-page proposal by Johnson on breaking a deadlock over ensuring a transparent border between the EU's Ireland and the U.K.'s Northern Ireland. The bloc said one key part of the proposal was "incorrect" and another "misleading."

In the diplomatic note from



Britain's opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn arrives to meet business leaders at the Business and Technology Centre, Stevenage, England, Tuesday Aug. 20, 2019, to discuss the impact of leaving the EU without a deal.

the EU Commission and Council to the EU's remaining 27 nations, which was obtained by The Associated Press, the member states were strongly urged not to give in to Johnson's demand that the legal withdrawal agreement the EU negotiated with his predecessor, Theresa May, be changed at this late stage. Johnson demanded late Monday that the EU reopen Brexit negotiations, scrapping "anti-democratic" provisions for the Irish border that he said would threaten the peace process in Northern Ireland.

European Council chief Donald Tusk responded quickly and vigorously, defending the so-called backstop — an insurance policy meant to avoid a hard border between Ireland and Northern Ireland. "Those against the backstop and not proposing realistic alternatives in fact support reestablishing a border," Tusk tweeted Tuesday. "Even if they do not admit it."

The backstop would keep Britain closely aligned with the European customs union if the two sides can't agree on other ways to

prevent the reintroduction of border checks on people and goods moving between Northern Ireland and Ireland.

The EU's diplomatic note said it needed to counter Johnson's assertions, insisting "it is incorrect to state that the people of Northern Ireland have no influence over the legislation that would apply to them."

Similarly, it said "the letter's suggestion that two separate legal, political, economic, and monetary jurisdictions already exist on the island and can be managed with an open

border is misleading."

Such words left a huge rift between the sides, just as Johnson was preparing to visit German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Berlin on Wednesday and French President Emmanuel Macron in Paris on Thursday. His trips should culminate in more talks at a summit of G-7 leaders this weekend in Biarritz, France.

On a rare note of guarded optimism, Merkel suggested Tuesday that a "practical solution" could still be found for the Irish border issue, making the backstop superfluous. But she said finding such a solution wouldn't require reopening negotiations on the current Brexit deal.

Johnson has vowed to leave the EU "come what may" on Oct. 31, with or without a deal aimed at softening the transition.

To that effect, U.K. Secretary of State Steve Barclay said Tuesday that the diplomatic corps "will only go to the (EU) meetings that really matter, reducing attendance by over half and saving hundreds of hours." He said that would free up time for ministers and staff "to get on with preparing for our departure on October 31 and seizing the opportunities that lie ahead." □

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Dutch ex-defense chief against joining Persian Gulf mission

By **MIKE CORDER**
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The former head of Dutch defense forces said he believes the Netherlands should not take part in a U.S.-led mission to protect shipping in the strategic Strait of Hormuz if the aim of the operation is to pile more pressure on Iran. The comments of former defense chief Dick Berlijn came in an interview published in Tuesday's edition of Dutch daily De Volkskrant.

"I don't think we should take part in an American operation in which we absolutely do not know what is going to happen," he said.

Discussions about the possible security mission come against a backdrop of deepening confrontation between Iran and the West after U.S. President Donald Trump pulled Washington out of Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers over a year ago.

Berlijn said that if the mission proposed by the Trump administration is aimed at putting more pressure on Iran, "I'm strongly opposed to that."

Berlijn's comments were published on the day Dutch Cabinet ministers held an informal meeting to discuss strategy after Parliament's summer break.

Among key foreign policy issues facing Prime Minister

Mark Rutte's ruling coalition are U.S. requests to take part in operations in Syria and the Persian Gulf crisis with Iran.

Britain has so far been the only U.S. ally to express willingness to join a maritime security mission.

European nations are reluctant and Germany has said it will not be involved. Britain also has been giving U.K.-flagged vessels a naval escort since the Iranian Revolutionary Guard's seizure of the Stena Impero tanker in July.

The tanker is still being held by the Islamic Republic.

The Persian Gulf region has witnessed six attacks on oil tankers in recent weeks that the U.S. has blamed on



A supertanker hosting an Iranian flag is seen on the water in the British territory of Gibraltar, Sunday, Aug. 18, 2019.

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Iran and the downing of a U.S. surveillance drone by Iranian forces.

Iran denied it was behind

the tanker attacks, although it has seized other tankers. □

Yemeni separatists, government forces clash in the south

By AHMED AL-HAJ

Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) —

Clashes between a Yemeni separatist militia, backed by the United Arab Emirates, and forces loyal to the internationally recognized government killed at least three civilians and wounded nine in southern Abyan province on Tuesday, security officials and local residents said.

The fighting between the two sides — ostensible allies in the Saudi-led coalition that for years has been fighting Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels, based in the north — has added another layer to the complex civil war in the Arab world's most impoverished country.

After a 10-hour battle, the Security Belt militia, which is trained and financed by the UAE, overran a military camp belonging to the government's special forces in the provincial capital, Zinjibar, and deployed across much of the city, said the officials and residents. The officials spoke



In this Friday Aug. 9, 2019 frame grab from video, Southern Transitional Council separatist fighters line up to storm the presidential palace in the southern port city of Aden, Yemen.

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on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to talk to the media, while the residents spoke anonymously, fearing reprisal.

The separatists last week took over the port city of Aden, to the west of Zinjibar. Aden has functioned as the seat of President Abed Rabbo Manour

Hadi's government since the Houthis captured Sanaa, Yemen's capital, and much of the country's north in 2014.

Hadi's government said in a statement Tuesday that it blamed the UAE for the "armed rebellion" of the separatists, according to the state-run SABA news agency.

Yemen's information minister, Moammer al-Iryani, earlier urged the Saudi-led coalition to pressure the militia to withdraw their forces from Zinjibar. Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammed Abdullah al-Hadrami called for an "immediate and complete halt of military and financial support" by the UAE to the Yemeni

separatists.

U.N. envoy to Yemen Martin Griffiths said Tuesday he was alarmed by the violence in Aden and Abyan. "I condemn the unacceptable efforts by the Southern Transitional Council to take control of state institutions," he said. Though a key member of the coalition, the UAE never threw its full support behind Hadi because of his ties to Yemen's Muslim Brotherhood group, a pan-Arab movement that many Arab countries, including the UAE, consider a terrorist organization.

After the separatists took control of Aden, the Saudi-led coalition ordered an immediate cease-fire and threatened to bomb them if they didn't return to positions they held before the fighting.

The coalition also called for both the separatists and Hadi's government to attend reconciliation talks in Saudi Arabia, without setting a date. The separatist militia said it would attend but did not withdraw from Aden. □

Bosnia's bid to form a new govt fails over divisions on NATO

By ELDAR EMRIC

Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) —

The three members of Bosnia's multi-ethnic presidency failed on Tuesday to break a 10-month deadlock on forming a new government amid deep divisions over the Balkan country's bid to join NATO.

A meeting between Bosnia's Muslim, Serb and Croat leaders ended without an agreement because the Bosnian Serb member of the presidency, Milorad Dodik, was against a package that would also include adopting a plan that would move Bosnia closer to NATO membership.

"As long as I'm a member (of the presidency) there will be no vote on ANP," Dodik said, referring to NATO's proposed Annual National Plan that lists a set of reforms a country has



Members of Bosnia's tripartite presidency, Muslim member Sefik Dzaferovic, left, Croat member Zeljko Komsic and Bosnian Serb member Milorad Dodik, right, speak during a meeting in Sarajevo, Bosnia, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2019.

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to make to eventually become a member.

"We were loud and clear, we will not vote for ANP and the next time they put it on the agenda we will again not vote for it," said Dodik, a staunch pro-Russian who has been sup-

porting the Kremlin's bid to prevent NATO expansion in the Balkans.

The Muslim member of the presidency, Sefik Dzaferovic, said that the "cause of all problems that we face today are unilateral attempts (by Dodik) to

halt Bosnia's road toward NATO."

"No one has the right to do that," Dzaferovic said, calling Dodik's actions "illegitimate" and contrary to the rule of law.

The divisions within Bosnia reflect a mounting con-

flict between the West and Russia over the future of the Balkans. While the West wishes to see the still-volatile region that went through a bloody war in the 1990s reform and eventually join the EU and NATO, Russia has used its historic ties with Serbs to undermine this idea.

After another Balkan historical ally, Montenegro, turned its back on Moscow and joined NATO in 2017, Serbia and the Serb-run Republika Srpska in Bosnia are the only allies of the Kremlin in the region.

Disagreements between Bosnia's Serbs and the other two ethnic groups over Bosnia's future relations with NATO could plunge the country even deeper into crisis and further exacerbate ethnic divisions. Another meeting of the presidency to discuss a new government has not been set. □

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Hong Kong's leader vows to narrow rifts, but no specifics

By KELVIN CHAN
Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Facing pressure to end months of antigovernment protests, Hong Kong's leader pledged Tuesday to open up dialogue with city residents in an effort to narrow differences.

However, Chief Executive Carrie Lam offered no concessions to the protest movement and a key organizer of the mass rallies dismissed her plan to immediately set up a "communication platform," underlining the challenge in resolving the semiautonomous Chinese city's political crisis.

The movement held a massive but peaceful rally on Sunday after earlier protests had been marked by violence. The government



Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam listens to reporters questions at a press conference in Hong Kong Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2019.

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has conditioned dialogue on the leaderless protest movement remaining peaceful.

Lam didn't say that the communication platform will be used to specifically contact protesters. It will be

used for "open and direct" dialogue with people from all walks of life, including people who have attended peaceful rallies, she told reporters, while giving few specifics on how it would work.

"Our goal is to work hard to resolve differences and conflicts, to understand each other through communication and to walk out of this social deadlock together," Lam said.

Her comments fell short of the protesters' five demands, which include genuine democracy and an independent inquiry into alleged police brutality.

The protesters complain that police have contributed to the violence by responding to their aggressive tactics with tear gas and rubber bullets.

Members of the Civil Human Rights Front rejected her plan, calling it a trap that's aimed at wasting time.

The group's vice-convenor, Wong Yik-mo, said Lam is "not responding at all" to

the protest movement's demands.

"We do not trust Carrie Lam, we do not trust her lies," he said, pointing out that the movement's decentralized structure would make it hard to conduct dialogue anyway.

"She is fully aware there is no leader, this is a leaderless movement. What does she suggest?" he said.

Jimmy Sham, another member, suggested that "if Lam wants dialogue, she should come to a protest." The Civil Human Rights Front has organized several mass anti-government rallies that have attracted huge crowds in recent months and it plans another at the end of the month. But many other groups have organized their own events. □

Nuclear watchdog: Russia has resumed sharing radiation data

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia has resumed sharing data from its radiation monitoring stations in Siberia after some were taken offline following a deadly explosion at a missile range, a nuclear weapons watchdog said Tuesday.

The mysterious accident at a naval weapons testing range on the White Sea in northwestern Russia earlier this month has been accompanied by changing or contradictory information from Russian authori-

ties. That has led to speculation about what really happened in the town of and what type of weapon was involved.

It has even raised comparisons to the Soviet Union's 1986 disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine, the world's worst nuclear disaster, when Soviet officials tried to cover up the news for days.

The Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization said earlier this week that several Russian radiation monitoring stations

went silent shortly after the reported explosion.

Lassina Zebro, the organization's executive secretary, said Tuesday on Twitter that the two Russian stations that were reported to be offline are back in operation and they are now backfilling the data. He also lauded Moscow for "excellent cooperation."

Russian officials earlier Tuesday brushed off suggestions that they were concealing details of the explosion from foreign nations. □



This photo taken on Oct. 7, 2018, shows a village of Nyonoksa, northwestern Russia.

Associated Press

Brazilian police kill man who held bus passengers hostage

By **DIANE JEANTET**

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —

Brandishing a fake gun, a man on Tuesday took dozens of hostages on a bus in Brazil and threatened to set the vehicle on fire with gasoline before police shot him dead in a four-hour standoff on Latin America's longest bridge.

All the hostages were freed unharmed on a 13-kilometer-long (8-mile-long) bridge that offers a sweeping view of Rio de Janeiro's Sugarloaf Mountain and the statue of Christ the Redeemer. The panoramic setting where the man made his move seemed to reflect a bid for maximum publicity in a spot with virtually no chance of escape.

"He told us he didn't want our belongings, that he didn't want to hurt us, that he just wanted to go down in history," said Hans Moreno, a hostage who had been sitting at the back of the bus.

The bridge links Rio to the Niteroi municipality across Guanabara Bay. Many people use it to travel to and from work in Rio, and hundreds of vehicles were backed up as police closed its eight lanes and tried to get control of the dangerous situation. The bus was coming from Sao Gonçalo, a community struggling



An armed man who took dozens of hostages on a bus steps outside of the bus where just moments later he is shot dead by police, following a four-hour standoff on the bridge connecting the city of Niteroi to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2019.

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with poverty and violence. Police initially said the man had a gun and a knife. Later, however, Lt. Col. Maurilio Nunes of the elite police squad that handled the hostage-taking said the gun was fake.

"He had highs and lows," Nunes said of the hostage-taker, who communicated with police. Professional psychologists were summoned to help police assess the man's troubled state of mind, according

to Nunes. The man took 37 people hostage on the bus at around 5:30 a.m., as commuter traffic was increasing, police said. He released two hostages, then another two, and then two more, separately. Later, he stepped out of the bus, threw an object resembling a bag and was shot by a sniper. The man's intentions were unclear and he did not make any particular demands, according to police. The standoff was

broadcast live on Brazil's TV Globo, riveting Brazilians in a nation accustomed to high levels of crime.

The man instructed a hostage to bind the wrists of other passengers with plastic straps, but let them make brief phone calls to family members, according to Moreno, one of the hostages. He said he jotted short descriptions on a piece of paper of where the hostage-taker was standing in the bus, and

placed the paper at a window in an attempt to guide police.

Gov. Wilson Witzel of Rio de Janeiro pumped his fist in triumph after arriving on the bridge in a helicopter after the hostage-taker was killed. He later praised police, saying the hostage situation was high-profile but that armed criminals are regularly "terrorizing" people out of sight of most Brazilians.

Any criminal with a firearm "can and should be shot down by an elite sniper," said Witzel, dismissing concerns that police killings of suspects in Rio are increasing.

Police in Rio killed 881 people in the first six months of this year — almost five a day — a double digit increase compared to the same period in 2018, according to official figures.

Witzel, a former marine, has argued in favor of using snipers on helicopters to shoot armed criminals in Rio's slums. He is a political ally of President Jair Bolsonaro, whose successful election platform last year included a pledge to get tough on crime.

Rio's elite police force, known as BOPE, on Tuesday took charge of hostage negotiations while a sniper was seen deploying near the scene. □

New Argentina treasury minister guarantees peso stability



Argentina's Treasury Minister Hernan Lacunza talks during a press conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2019.

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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Argentina will guarantee the stability of the peso after the local cur-

rency's recent crash and the government will meet its commitments with the International Monetary Fund, the country's new

treasury minister said Tuesday.

"This is a complex situation," Hernán Lacunza told reporters moments after being sworn in as treasury minister by President Mauricio Macri.

Lacunza said his main priority will be to stabilize the peso. He also assured that Argentina would keep 2019 fiscal targets that it set out as a condition to get a record loan of more than \$56 billion from the IMF to try to curb the country's economic crisis.

Conservative Macri recently lost in a primary election by a wide margin against center-left Alberto

Fernández.

Macri's loss, and fears of a potential return to interventionist policies by a leftist administration, hit markets, crashed the peso currency and sent stocks and bonds tumbling. Lacunza replaces Nicolas Dujovne, who brokered the IMF deal and who announced his resignation over the weekend.

"What matters now is that the starting point for (the next government) has a robust platform to be able to recover growth," said Lacunza, a former economy minister for Buenos Aires province.

After the defeat in the

primary elections, Macri's administration announced a string of spending measures. They included: a temporary hike of the minimum wage, reducing payroll taxes and implementing other steps to help workers as Argentina struggles to overcome galloping inflation, high unemployment and other economic woes.

Macri acted after the leftist presidential ticket that includes his predecessor, Cristina Fernández running as vice president, turned in a powerful showing in primary voting for candidates going into the October general elections. □

LOCAL



Asi Es Mi Peru restaurant brings culinary celebration Fina Estampa: A Very Fine Peruvian Appearance in Gastronomy



EAGLE BEACH — In the last ten years, Peru has been recognized as one of the world's best culinary destinations, and for seven consecutive years, the South American country has won the award for the Best Culinary destination at the Worlds Travel Awards. Asi Es Mi Peru Restaurant brings this epicurean delicacies to Aruba and invites you to taste their newest concept: Fina Estampa, a five course menu perfectly paired with wines that make you understand why Peru is at the height of today's gastronomy.



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The Real Thing

The fine Peruvian cuisine is offered from Tuesday to Saturday against a fair price where you choose to have wines included. A selection of amuses give you an introduction to Peruvian classics as in Ceviche, Causa Limena and Albondiga de Pescado. The ceviche is heavenly and the real thing which applies to the first appetizer too: a Cremoso de Quinoa. "We have five different quinoa in Peru, it has become a popular food globally thanks to its healthy image and is rich in taste," Roxanna explains. We take the healthy as a bonus while diving into this delight, and continue to a Chupe de Camarones, a unique Shrimp Chowder combining a spicy broth with chunky vegetables, poached egg, and tasty shrimp.

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A demonstration of the gastronomy richness is explored with the Postres de Conventos, an assortment of the best Peruvian desserts. The owners selected the pairing wines themselves and it needs to be said that the result is undeniable love between the food and wine. □



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During a press conference at the newest location of KFC Aruba in the La Salle straat, marketing representative Johana Jacobs-Alvarez Blanquicet explained to the local press what this great bang for the buck deal is all about. "The place where you get your favorite chicken, sandwiches, snacks, sweets and sides will now make lunch easy and quick with this grab & go concept." Aruba has four KFC locations, all ready to prepare your lunch.



Some History

KFC is an American fast food restaurant chain headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, that specializes in fried chicken. It is the world's second-largest restaurant chain after McDonald's, with 22,621 locations globally in 136 countries as of December 2018. Whether you call it KFC or Kentucky Fried Chicken, the restaurant that made founder Colonel Sanders a household name is one of the world's biggest and most successful fast food chains. The blend of 11 herbs and spices that went into Sanders' original fried chicken recipe is still in use today, and its components remain a mystery, even though many have tried to decipher it (some claim to have reverse-engineered the recipe, while writer William Poundstone famously asserted that it's only flour, salt, pepper, and MSG). A Sanders-signed copy of the recipe is inside a vault in KFC's Louisville headquarters, and even the manufacturers don't know what goes into it: Half of the mix is made by Griffith Laboratories, and then it's sent to McCormick, where the rest is added.

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A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba



Wednesday 21

Vow Renewal Event

- Third time's a charm: the Caribbean's largest vow renewal ceremony is returning for a third year in Aruba. Since 2017, couples from all over the world have come together to celebrate their love on Aruba and renew their vows on the World's No. 3 Beach.
- 10 AM – 11.30 PM
- Beach Divi & Tamarijn Aruba All Inclusives, Eagle Beach
- Facebook Divi & Tamarijn Aruba All Inclusives

Thursday 22

Discover Your Nature Program

- Are you feeling something is missing in your life? Would you like to better make use of your talents? Befriend yourself and your experiences more? Discover Your Nature Program enhances a hike approx. 4 – 8 km's which includes a meditation, inspiration, mindfulness exercises, nature tracking and explorations. This vision quest program is designed to help you find your natural ways of doing things.
- 5.30 – 7.30 PM
- Aruba Peace Labyrinth, Alto Vista Chapel
- Facebook Gea Sougé Life Coaching



Friday 23

Local Art Exhibition

- Every Friday Night the Renaissance Marketplace transforms into a local art exhibition where you can see, touch or buy art pieces locally made by local artisans.
- 7 – 10 PM
- Renaissance Marketplace, Oranjestad
- Facebook Renaissance Marketplace

Saturday 24

Open-Air Movie Night

- Join us for a movie night in the park! We will be screening the documentary episodes Grassland and High Seas of Our Planet. Bring your family and enjoy the free educational screening under the beautiful stars.
- Screening starts at 7.30 PM
- Arikok National Park Visitors Center
- Facebook Arikok National Park



Sunday 25

Le Grand Bingo

- Join us for Le Grand Bingo! Don't miss the 12-game Bingo with a total of USD 8,000 in prizes with a Standing Jackpot of AWG. 50,000. And remember, for every purchase of two Bingo-game, the third Bingo-game is on the house!
- Starting at 1 PM
- The Casino at The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba



Monday 26

Seafood & Meat marry in Romance

- Pinchos is a casual yet chic grill and bar on a pier completely over the clear blue waters of Aruba. Enjoy dinner right over the water, under the stars and accompanied by the twinkling of candle lights. Pinchos awaits all guests with a tropical concoction, an outdoor chic living room type setting, and a mix of contemporary tunes, which will enchant each and every visitor.
- From 5 PM
- Pinchos Grill & Bar, Oranjestad
- Facebook Pinchos Grill & Bar



Tuesday 27

Sushi Sensation Luncheon

- Indulge in two of the Ritz Carlton signature sushi rolls and receive a courtesy local beer. Join us at Divi Sushi Bar & Lounge and enjoy the best sushi consisting of the chef's gourmet touch.
- 12 – 4 PM
- The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba
- Facebook The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba

SPORTS



In this Friday, April 26, 2019 file photo, Milwaukee Brewers center fielder Lorenzo Cain (6) catches a ball hit by New York Mets' Todd Frazier for an out during the second inning of a baseball game in New York.

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Home run robbers get praise - and swag for spectacular plays

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

It was late in the 2015 season when Baltimore's Manny Machado smoked a pitch from Tampa Bay's Chris Archer into center field at Camden Yards. Kevin Kiermaier sprinted to the wall, turned and leaped high above it before reaching back and snatching the ball. He banged off the wall and landed on his feet with the ball firmly planted in his glove for the out. The play sent a dejected Machado back to the dugout and left a stunned Archer simply mouthing, "Wow." Archer, now with Pittsburgh, was so grateful for Kiermaier's extraordinary effort that he searched for a fitting way to thank his center fielder for keeping that run off the board. He found it by commissioning a painting of the catch, which he presented to Kiermaier at spring training the next year.

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RANGERS RALLY



Rangers scratch past Angels in 11 innings

Texas Rangers' Isiah Kiner-Falefa (9) and Scott Heinemann celebrate after Kiner-Falefa hit a run-scoring single in the 11th inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels in Arlington, Texas, Monday, Aug. 19, 2019. The Rangers won 8-7.

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Garoppolo shaky in 49ers' 24-15 win over Broncos

By **ARNIE STAPLETON**
AP Pro Football Writer

DENVER (AP) — Broncos receiver Emmanuel Sanders and 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo each made a triumphant return to action Monday night when the San Francisco 49ers' backups engineered a 24-15 preseason win over the Denver Broncos. Sanders' comeback overshadowed Garoppolo's return.

After thoughts of his double-ankle surgery nearly brought him to tears in the tunnel before the game, Sanders caught a 5-yard pass from Joe Flacco on the Broncos' first offensive play and added a 19-yard run on a reverse in his first game since tearing his left Achilles tendon in practice last December.

He also hauled in a 45-yard reception that was erased by left tackle Garrett Bolles' holding penalty, but what he lamented most was not scoring on the reverse.

"The old 'E' would have scored," Sanders said.

Bolles' penalty didn't detract from Sanders' big night.

"Unfortunately, we got the holding call," Sanders said. "But it felt good to be back on the football field, making plays and exciting the crowd. This is my adrenaline rush."

Garoppolo was glad to get back on the field, too, even though he went just 1 for 6 for zero yards and an interception in his first game since suffering a season-ending knee injury last September.

"It's something I haven't done in a year obviously, so I've got to knock the rust off," Garoppolo said. "Thankfully we have a short week this week so we can bounce back quickly. First step of getting back into it."

Garoppolo's first pass was knocked down by defensive lineman Shelby Harris and his second one was intercepted by cornerback Isaac Yiadom when he was pressured by Bradley Chubb. His third pass was tipped and cornerback De'Vante Bausby broke up

his fourth attempt.

Chris Harris Jr. pressured Garoppolo into an incomplete from his end zone before Garoppolo finally completed a screen pass to running back Matt Breida, who was corralled by Shelby Harris at the San Francisco 6 for no gain.

"It's a big hurdle to get out there for the first time but we haven't seen any issues with the knee," 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said. "I forget about it except he's wearing a brace."

The knee wasn't on Garoppolo's mind, either.

"I wasn't thinking about it so I was happy about that," Garoppolo said. "It didn't bother me too much."

Broncos safety Justin Simmons said that while he was pleased with how Den-

ver stifled Garoppolo, the quarterback's stat line was by no means a barometer of where he is in his comeback.

"It helps because we practiced against him twice. I mean, he still has it," Simmons said.

"You watched him in practice and he made a lot of nice throws, he made a lot of nice reads and he helped us big-time in our development throughout the week."

Based on their work together over three days, Simmons said football fans should expect big things from the Niners' offense and Denver's defense this season.

LOCKED OUT

Broncos rookie QB Drew Lock jammed his right



San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo (10) throws against the Denver Broncos during an NFL preseason football game, Monday, Aug. 19, 2019, in Denver.

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thumb when he was sacked on the first series of the second half, cutting short his most significant action of the preseason in his quest to win the backup

job, and Kevin Hogan finished up.

Coach Vic Fangio said he thought Lock's injury was minor, and Lock said X-rays were negative. □

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Angels back in Texas after Skaggs' death, Rangers rally, 8-7

By The Associated Press
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Angels squandered a six-run lead and lost to the Rangers in their first trip back to Texas since pitcher Tyler Skaggs was found dead in his hotel room last month.

Isiah Kiner-Falefa brought home the winning run with a high-chop infield single off Noé Ramirez (4-2), scoring Jose Trevino and ending the Rangers' four-game losing streak.

Shohei Ohtani extended the longest hitting streak of his career to 10 games with an RBI triple, then had a broken bat line drive that turned into an inning-ending double play with the bases loaded in the 10th. The Japanese star reached base four times and scored twice.

Albert Pujols' 652nd career homer and 19th of the season capped a five-run first inning, and the Angels led 7-1 before Trevino's first career homer and Scott Heineman's first two big league RBIs got the Rangers closer.

Hunter Pence, who had three hits and reached base five times, pulled Texas within a run with a single in the eighth. Rougned Odor followed with a tying RBI single.

Mike Trout walked to load the bases in the 10th when Ohtani hit a smash to the



Los Angeles Angels' Kole Calhoun, center, is congratulated in the dugout after making an over-the-shoulder catch on a Texas Rangers' Elvis Andrus flyout to end to bottom of the fourth inning of baseball game in Arlington, Texas, Monday, Aug. 19, 2019.

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left of Odor, who was playing in. The second baseman made the catch on his knees and flipped to first, barely beating Trout's head-first slide.

Rafael Montero (2-0) pitched two scoreless innings.

MARINERS 9, RAYS 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Tom Murphy homered twice and drove in four runs, Austin Nola also went deep and had three RBIs, and Seattle beat Tampa Bay.

Murphy had three hits and

a walk, including a three-run homer in the first and a solo shot in the fifth. He has 15 homers in 52 games. Nola had a two-run homer during a four-run second off Rays two-way player Brendan McKay (2-3) and had an RBI single in the fourth. Marco Gonzales (13-10) went five innings, giving up three runs and five hits to get the win.

Tommy Pham and Austin Meadows homered for Tampa Bay, which is 2-2 on a six-game home-stand against Detroit and

Seattle. The Rays had their lead over Oakland for the second AL wild card cut to one game.

ROYALS 5, ORIOLES 4

BALTIMORE (AP) — Nicky Lopez and Nick Dini homered on successive pitches in the seventh inning and Kansas City stretched Baltimore's latest losing streak to eight games.

Kansas City (45-80) won for the sixth time in its last 22 games, and Baltimore (39-86) absorbed its 13th loss in 14 games.

Orioles starter John Means

(8-9) kept Kansas City hitless until Lopez led off the sixth inning with a single to spark a three-run uprising. Jorge Lopez (2-7) allowed one run and two hits over five innings and Ian Kennedy recorded his 22nd save. Jonathan Villar and Rio Ruiz homered for Baltimore.

ASTROS 5, TIGERS 4

HOUSTON (AP) — Yuli Gurriel had two hits and drove in two runs as Houston built a lead with a big first inning and held on to defeat Detroit.

The Astros jumped on Detroit starter Edwin Jackson (3-6) for four runs in the first inning.

Yordan Alvarez and Robinson Chirinos also drove in runs for the Astros on a night shortstop Carlos Correa left after the first inning with back discomfort.

Ronny Rodriguez and Travis Demeritte homered for Detroit. Designated hitter Miguel Cabrera had two hits and drove in a run before he was ejected for arguing balls and strikes in the fifth inning. Manager Ron Gardenhire was also ejected in that inning.

Roberto Osuna earned his 28th save as the Astros won their second straight after losing five in a row.

Houston starter Wade Miley (12-4) allowed a season-high 10 hits and three runs in 5 2/3 innings to win his sixth straight decision. □

Red Sox shut down Chris Sale for rest of season

BOSTON (AP) — Red Sox left-hander Chris Sale is receiving treatment for inflammation in his elbow that will shut him down for the rest of the regular season, another blow to the defending World Series champions whose post-season hopes appear all but dashed.

Orthopedist Dr. James Andrews gave Sale an injection of platelet-rich plasma on Monday and said he will be re-evaluated in six weeks.

Looking beyond this frustrating season, the treatment could be good news for the club, which feared Sale might need Tommy



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Chris Sale delivers in the first inning of the team's baseball game against the Cleveland Indians, Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2019, in Cleveland.

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John surgery. That would likely have cost him the 2020 season.

Boston was off Monday and was 6½ games out of a wild card spot.

The 30-year-old Sale was coming off two solid starts in which he combined for 25 strikeouts — including the 2,000th of his career — and allowed only three runs in 14 2/3 innings.

Sale, a seven-time All-Star in his 10th season, was the fastest to reach 2,000 Ks in major league history.

Last season, Sale dealt with shoulder soreness after the All-Star break, limiting him to 29 innings.

He was also limited in the postseason, but closed out the World Series by striking out then-Los Angeles Dodgers infielder Manny Machado to clinch Boston's fourth title in 15 sea-

sons. Sale signed a six-year, \$160 million contract in March that includes \$50 million in deferred money. Sale never shied away from responsibility for his struggles this year. His velocity was down in April, and he took the loss in five of his first six starts.

"I'm struggling and I don't know if I've really pitched like this in my life," Sale said after a loss to Toronto on April 9.

"It's a tough spot to be in. But I've got guys up here fighting and I've got to keep fighting. There's no giving up. If something's not working, you got to go to something else." □

Hudson, 2 relievers 1-hit Brewers, Cardinals win 3-0

By The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Dakota Hudson and two relievers combined on a one-hitter, and Paul DeJong homered to lead the St. Louis Cardinals over the Milwaukee Brewers 3-0 Monday night in a series opener between NL Central contenders.

Yasmani Grandal's ground-rule double with two outs in the eighth inning off Giovanny Gallegos was Milwaukee's only hit. Hudson was lifted with two outs in the seventh after throwing 111 pitches, and Andrew Miller got four outs for his fifth save.

St. Louis increased its division lead to a half-game over the idle Chicago Cubs. Third-place Milwaukee is three games back. Hudson (12-6) matched a career high with seven strikeouts and walked four. Milwaukee's best chance for a hit against Hudson came in the sixth when Trent Grisham hit a hard grounder up the middle. DeJong made a diving stop and threw out Grisham at first base.

Hudson has completed seven innings twice in his two-year major league career. The 24-year-old right-hand-

er threw six sharp innings in a 6-0 victory at Kansas City in his previous start. Before that, he allowed 11 runs (10 earned) over 11 2/3 innings during a three-start span. St. Louis scored twice in the fifth off starter Zach Davis (8-6), who pitched five innings.

NATIONALS 13, PIRATES 0

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Asdrúbal Cabrera hit the last of Washington's four homers and drove in five runs, and three relievers combined for 6 2/3 innings of one-hit ball in a rout of Pittsburgh.

Adam Eaton, Matt Adams and Trea Turner also homered for the Nationals.

Adams added two doubles and had four RBIs. Juan Soto had four of Washington's 15 hits and walked, reaching base in all five plate appearances.

Javy Guerra (2-1) pitched 3 2/3 perfect innings in relief of Joe Ross, who departed in the fourth inning. Kyle McGowin and Tanner Rainey finished the four-hitter with one inning each for Washington's 11th shutout of the season.

The Nationals scored four runs off Trevor Williams (5-6) in each of the first



St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Dakota Hudson (43) talks on the mound with catcher Yadier Molina during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers, Monday, Aug. 19, 2019, in St. Louis.

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two innings. Williams was charged with eight runs — six earned — while giving up six hits and three walks.

PADRES 3, REDS 2

CINCINNATI (AP) — Francisco Mejía hit a solo homer off the foul pole, Manny Machado had an RBI single in the first inning, and San Diego held on to beat Cincinnati.

Kirby Yates escaped a bases-loaded threat in the ninth to save San Diego's third straight win and earned his 36th save in 39 chances.

Trevor Bauer (10-10) recovered from one of the worst outings of his career by giving

up three runs and fanning 11 in seven innings. San Diego is three homers shy of the club record of 189 from 2017.

Freddy Galvis' homered and Josh VanMeter had an RBI single for the Reds.

Luis Perdomo (2-3) fanned four in two innings for the win.

DIAMONDBACKS 5, ROCKIES 3

PHOENIX (AP) — Carson Kelly hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the eighth inning, part of a three-run rally that sent the Arizona to a win over Colorado.

David Peralta added a two-run triple in the eighth,

making a winner of reliever Yoan Lopez (2-5) after he got two outs in the top of the inning. Wade Davis (1-6) took the loss after giving up Kelly's home run.

Ketel Marte also homered and starter Zac Gallen allowed a run and five hits over six innings in his third start for the Diamondbacks since arriving in a trade with Miami on July 31. He struck out eight and walked six.

Archie Bradley allowed Charlie Blackmon's 27th home run in the ninth but earned his fifth save.

Tony Wolters had two hits and two RBIs for the Rockies. □

Hamilton on joining Braves: 'It's like Christmas again'

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Billy Hamilton feels like Christmas came early.

After being let go by one of baseball's worst teams, Hamilton joined the first-place Atlanta Braves on Tuesday to help with their push for the playoffs.

"It's a great feeling," Hamilton said in the clubhouse at SunTrust Park before the opener of a three-game series against the Miami Marlins. "I had chills going down my body when they called me the other morning and told me I had been claimed by the Braves." Hamilton was des-

ignated for assignment by the Kansas City Royals on Friday after a dismal season for both him and the rebuilding team. He was hitting .211 with no homers and 12 RBIs.

The Braves claimed Hamilton off waivers to bolster their injury-plagued roster, which is missing outfielders Nick Markakis, Ender Inciarte and Austin Riley, along with shortstop Dansby Swanson. All are on the 10-day injured list, and only Riley seems close to getting back on the field. For now, Hamilton will play a role off the bench, serving as a late-inning defensive replacement and

pinch-runner. He had 18 stolen bases for the Royals. Hamilton will take whatever playing time he can get. "It's like Christmas again," he said with a smile. "It's amazing to come here and be part of this winning organization."

Hamilton spent six seasons in Cincinnati, where he was never much of a hitter but earned significant playing time with his speed and defensive prowess. He was a five-time finalist for the Gold Glove and had four straight seasons with more than 50 stolen bases.

The Braves made it clear that Hamilton won't jump

into a starting role. He is simply someone who can fill in the gaps while the team tries to work around the rash of injuries in its bid for a second straight NL

East title. "We talked to Billy about it when we signed him," Snitker said. "He's excited to be in a pennant race. He'll do whatever he can to help." □



Boston Red Sox third baseman Rafael Devers, left, tags out Kansas City Royals' Billy Hamilton, right, who tried to advance to third on a flyout during the fourth inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2019.

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FedEx Cup about the money, not the majors

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
AP Golf Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The FedEx Cup is still about the money.

Whoever wins this week at the Tour Championship gets \$15 million, more than Greg Norman's career earnings on the PGA Tour. The FedEx Cup might one day be as much about prestige.

Tiger Woods (twice), Vijay Singh and Jim Furyk won the first four FedEx Cup titles, and all four will be in the World Golf Hall of Fame if they're not in already. The last four winners were Justin Rose, Justin Thomas, Rory McIlroy and Jordan Spieth. That's good company to keep.

The FedEx Cup was never about major championships.

Woods is absent from East Lake, this time not by choice but because he didn't qualify.

It stands out because of his last two victories, Nos. 80 and 81, both in Georgia.

The first was the Tour Championship, the most electric



Tiger Woods, left, greets fans as he walks to the 14th fairway after hitting his tee shot during the final round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at Medinah Country Club, Sunday, Aug. 18, 2019, in Medinah, Ill.

moment in golf all of last year. Woods won at East Lake to cap a remarkable return from four back surgeries, a DUI arrest stemming from his reliance on painkillers and his own fears that he would never compete again.

Memories would be a lot stronger if he were here. Instead, he becomes the seventh player to win the Tour Championship and not be eligible to return the following year during the FedEx Cup era.

Should he be at East Lake?

It seems that way because of his other victory, this one in April at Augusta National, as captivating as any of his 15 majors. Woods said Sunday at Medinah when his season officially ended that he was disappointed and he wished he could be

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at East Lake. But he hardly was torn up over it, for one reason. "I'm the one with the green jacket," he said of winning the Masters.

He also has company.

British Open champion Shane Lowry didn't make it to East Lake, either. He has a claret jug at home in Ireland to console him.

This is the fifth time in 13 years of the FedEx Cup that at least two major champions were not at the final event, usually with extenuating circumstances involved. Five major champions who didn't make it to East Lake were not PGA Tour members, three of them in 2010 — Graeme McDowell, Louis Oosthuizen and Martin Kaymer.

The last time was in 2016, when Masters champion Danny Willett and British Open champion Henrik Stenson fell short. Willett didn't become a PGA Tour member until after he won the Masters. Stenson had a knee injury he wanted to protect for the Ryder Cup and wound up playing just two playoff events. □



In this Tuesday, July 23, 2019 file photo, Britain's bronze medalist Duncan Scott, right, refuses to stand with gold medalist China's Sun Yang, second left, on the podium following the men's 200m freestyle final at the World Swimming Championships in Gwangju, South Korea.

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By **GRAHAM DUNBAR**
AP Sports Writer

GENEVA (AP) — Chinese swimmer Sun Yang will get the rare public trial he asked for to answer an appeal by the World Anti-Doping Agency that could lead to his ban from the 2020 Olympics.

The open hearing by the Court of Arbitration for

Sport will probably be in Switzerland but is "unlikely to be before the end of October," the court said on Tuesday.

Sun is following another three-time Olympic swimming champion, Michelle Smith de Bruin of Ireland, as the only athletes opting not to have a closed-door hearing in the sports court's

Chinese swimmer Sun granted public trial for doping hearing

35-year history.

She lost her case in 1999.

His lawyers said last month that Sun "objects to being tried by the Australian press."

Details of evidence in the previously confidential court process were published on the eve of the world championships held last month in South Korea. Swimmers from Australia, Britain, and the United States objected to Sun being allowed to compete in Gwangju while the appeal case was pending.

After Sun won the 200 and 400 meters freestyle events, medalists from Australia and Britain made silent protests at the podium.

China's first Olympic swimming champion won two gold medals at the 2012 London Olympics and one in Rio de Janeiro four years

later.

He could be banned from the Tokyo Games next year because of incidents at his home in China last September.

A collection team sent to take blood and urine sample failed to complete its work in an escalating late-night dispute.

Sun disputed an official's credentials, and a vial of blood handed over to his entourage was destroyed with a hammer.

WADA challenged swim body FINA's verdict in January that a warning was enough for Sun, who served a three-month ban in 2014 for a positive test.

The first case involving a substance then classed as a stimulant was conducted in relative secrecy in China and only later announced by FINA.

The CAS hearing should be the first in public since the European Court of Human Rights last year said athletes should have more rights to open the sports court to scrutiny.

In the only previous public trial, Smith de Bruin challenged a four-year ban imposed by FINA in 1998 two years after the Atlanta Olympics for allegedly tampering with a urine sample by adding alcohol.

A panel of three CAS judges heard the case over two days in May 1999 in its home city Lausanne, Switzerland, and upheld the original verdict.

On Tuesday, CAS confirmed reports it hoped to schedule Sun's hearing in September, until "unexpected personal circumstances" forced a delay by several weeks. □



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Home run robbers

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"It happens so rarely you're in awe," Archer said. "It's an awesome feeling. They have the defensive runs saved calculation, but when you actually see a run taken away it feels so good."

Kiermaier recalled the team meeting where he received the painting and shared where he has it displayed.

"It's hanging up on my wall right now and I look at it all the time," he said. "It's such a great gesture, and he did that all on his own."

Everyone has seen an outfielder receive a tip of the cap or a jubilant fist bump from a pitcher after a home run robbery.

This is a story about what happens after they leave the field. It's a look at home run robbers, the pitchers who love them and the swag these elite defenders collect after making highlight-reel grabs.

The artwork isn't the only surprise Kiermaier, a two-time Gold Glove winner, has received for amazing grabs. He's been gifted with whiskey, a case of beer and even his favorite sweets after helping out a pitcher with his defense.

"You see like quarterbacks, they're taking their linemen out because their linemen are the guys that are protecting them," Kiermaier said. "Baseball has its ways of doing that as well."

Speedy Texas Rangers center fielder Delino DeShields has robbed a few homers in his five seasons in the majors. One of the most memorable came when he climbed the center field wall at Globe Life Park to deny San Diego's Hunter Renfroe a two-run shot last season. The robbery helped Mike Minor pitch

seven scoreless innings in a 5-2 win.

Minor, who could be seen saying, "Oh my God" after the catch, decided DeShields deserved a treat for helping him keep a zero on the board.

His loot? An electric scooter. Ostensibly to help save DeShields' legs for more such catches.

While Kiermaier and DeShields are the leaders in the clubhouse for home run robbery rewards, plenty of other outfielders have received gifts for their thievery.

Seattle's Keon Broxton has a knack for making such plays, often late in games. The rangy center fielder has three home run robberies in the ninth inning or later in his career, with two of those coming with Corey Knebel pitching when Broxton was with the Brewers.

There was one on and two out in the ninth inning of a 2017 game with Milwaukee up 6-5 over the Cardinals when Broxton reached over the wall in front of a 400-foot sign to rob Randall Grichuk of what would have been a go-ahead blast and give the Brewers the win.

The second one he robbed for Knebel came on July 4, 2018. He leaped, stretched his entire body against the wall and reached at least a foot over it to corral a soaring shot by Minnesota's Brian Dozier in the ninth inning of a 3-2 win.

"We're out there to catch the uncatchable," Broxton said. "The routine plays, anybody can catch them but the uncatchable balls, those are the ones we get paid for."

To Broxton, there's no better feeling than robbing a home run and he delights in the pitcher's reaction afterward.



In this July 4, 2018, file photo, Milwaukee Brewers' Keon Broxton makes a leaping catch at the wall on a ball hit by Minnesota Twins' Brian Dozier during the ninth inning of a baseball game in Milwaukee.

"When your pitcher is super excited about it and happy that you did that for him, I take pride in that just for that simple fact," he said.

Of course, he appreciates the spoils that have come with those grabs, too.

That Fourth of July catch netted Broxton a gift card to Nordstrom and Knebel has also gotten him a couple of other gift cards and treated him to dinner for his dazzling defense.

Houston starter Gerrit Cole has played with more than his fair share of home run robbers. He has an outfield with Jake Marisnick, George Springer and Josh Reddick with the Astros and played with Starling Marte and Andrew McCutchen in Pittsburgh.

He'll always be grateful to Marte for keeping brother-in-law Brandon Crawford from going yard off him with a nifty robbery he made by reaching into the stands in left field in 2015.

Despite being helped by such catches on several occasions, Cole sheepishly noted that he's never giv-

en a present for a robbery. "But now that you mention something, it looks like I need to go to the store," he said, smiling.

Brewers' center fielder Lorenzo Cain recalled a robbery he committed in April against the Mets at Citi Field. Slugger Todd Frazier sent a ball from Chase Anderson to straightaway center field for what looked like a sure home run. Instead, Cain tracked it, jumped and reached high above the wall to make the catch. Cain smiled broadly as he came down with it before shaking his finger as if to say, "Not on my watch."

"He gave me a gift card to a restaurant in Milwaukee," Cain said. "I've gotten a few treats. I told him he doesn't have to do that, I was just trying to make a play. But it's always nice when a pitcher understands that it's not easy out there making a play for him."

These are the kinds of plays that give Cain a boost and help him feel like he's con-

tributing during times when things aren't going so well at the plate.

"It's something very unique that everybody can't do," he said. "I think it takes a special talent to do it."

While Archer set the bar with personalized artwork for Kiermaier and Minor sent DeShields zipping around on a scooter, not all the home run robbery booty is quite so fancy.

When Cleveland's Greg Allen snagged a ball hit by Houston's Alex Bregman just before it would have sailed into the seats in right field at Minute Maid Park last season, Mike Clevinger rewarded him by paying for a few beers after the game.

And years ago when Reddick played for Oakland, Jesse Chavez gave him a carton of cigarettes when he robbed a homer for him. Still, those gifts are better than never getting one at all. Angels outfielder Justin Upton, who has eight home run robberies since 2015, was shocked to learn of this phenomenon. □

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Feed Your Bones

Matter comes in three states: solid, liquid and gas. Stop and think about glass and bones. Are they solid, liquid or gas? Which did you pick? If you choose solid for both, you are technically incorrect. We hear the objections screaming in your brains. Hold on; expand your reality of what you perceive.

Glass is technically a liquid much like water. So why does glass not behave like water? The answer is in the temperature. At ten below zero water flows nowhere; at a thousand degrees glass flows easily. Believe it or not, even at ambient temperatures, glass, pulled by the forces of gravity, flows ever so slowly down. There are old castles whose glass panes have flowed down so the bottom of the pane is much thicker than the paper thin top. Glass, you see, is a liquid that is solid or "frozen" at ambient temperatures.

What about breaking glass? Glass at ambient temperature, if forced too much will shatter into sharp pieces. Automobile "safety" glass is two panes of glass melted together with an inner core of plastic to make it more flexible, or shatter-proof. Automobile glass takes more force before breaking into dull pieces.

Bones are more fluid than solid. Ask any orthodontist who uses braces to rearrange and straighten teeth. With time and constant pressure, teeth imbedded in solid bone jaws will slowly flow into a new space. Most of our calcium is found in bones and teeth. People require calcium daily. When there is a deficiency of calcium in the body, these nutrients are "borrowed" from our bones and teeth.

Our skeleton, which serves as our structural support, is actually constantly changing, maximizing strength and minimizing its mass to meet our physiological needs. Osteoporosis is a condition character-

ized by a loss of calcium and other minerals from the bones, making them more porous and brittle. Porous and brittle bones are more susceptible to break and fracture. People, aware that osteoporosis has become a big problem in developing countries, supplement with calcium and vitamin D for prevention. Most physicians assume that the way to treat osteoporosis is to prescribe calcium. Years ago I predicted this assumption would come back to haunt the medical profession. The negative consequences of calcium supplementation are finally being realized and medical researchers now know that their assumptions have made bone problems worse.

Calcium supplements can raise heart risks in postmenopausal women. In the United States a prescription medication that has calcium and vitamin D that has been used by nearly 10 million people to help prevent or treat bone loss or osteoporosis, has been linked to 2,400 incidents of jaw bone decay or Osteonecrosis of the jaw. Additional people taking these drugs have claimed to have such debilitating pain that they have become bedridden or in need of walkers, crutches or wheelchairs.

Understanding this over simplification of bone density and calcium, I have developed a treatment approach in our clinic, using my bio-compatible medical protocol. The first thing is to slow down the loss of calcium. Medicines that stimulate the thyroid and adrenal glands, as well as prolonged use of cortisone greatly affect calcium status. Steroids and artificial hormones, besides increasing your risk for some cancers, do not treat your bones well. Additionally, there are drugs that interfere with calcium absorption. Drugs used to decrease seizures and many stomach medicines prevent calcium absorption. Operations to stomach or intes-

tines; removal of gallbladders; kidney disease; diabetes; and alcoholism all contribute to poor calcium absorption. Perhaps the biggest enemy to bone loss is cigarette smoking. These problems need to be corrected to stop mineral loss from your bones.

The second part of our protocol is to encourage the bones to become more flexible. Why do baby bones not break? They are not strong but they are flexible. Remember brittle glass shatters? Similarly, brittle bones shatter. Too much calcium in the bones makes them hard and brittle. The current test for osteoporosis, a bone-scan gives us your bone density. Bone density does not show flexibility. Thick, dense, but brittle bones will shatter and break easily.

We begin by replacing not just calcium, but all the minerals needed by your bones. There are two ways to accomplish this. The first is to feed your body the minerals. Magnesium helps maintain normal muscle and nerve function, keeps heart rhythm steady, supports a healthy immune system, and keeps bones strong. Nutritionists know that, magnesium regulates calcium transportation in the body. New studies show that magnesium therapy appears to prevent fractures and results in a significant increase in bone density in menopausal women. One of our ways to feed your bones is BONE SOUP: Use beef, chicken, turkey or fish, all animal bones are full of collagen important for strong healthy bones. Fill a large pot half way with any kind of bones, include a little meat. (Do NOT use Pork. Pork is NOT on any healthy diet!) Fill the other half with vegetables, especially a lot of parsley. Do NOT use potatoes, tomatoes or eggplant. Add 2 teaspoons of vinegar or half a cup of wine. Fill with water and boil vigorously for 3 hours. Keep only the broth. Add a package of



By Dr. Carlos Viana

un-flavored gelatin. Drink at least a cup a day alone or use a stock to cook with or add fresh vegetables to make soup.

Avoid acid forming foods; these cause your body to pull calcium out of your bones. Sugars, simple carbohydrates and processed foods are acid forming. Exercise in moderation is good for you. Excessive exercise can remove calcium from your bones. For joggers, running shoes are recommended to protect you from shin splints and knee problems. However, bones need to be stressed to be strong. Wearing shoes that absorb ALL stress is not good. Impact stimulates the flow of minerals for your bones. Another thing you can do to force your bones to become stronger is grow muscles. Muscles control bone production better than calcium supplementation. When muscles become bigger and stronger through exercise, the attached bone grows to support the musculature.

Get the point! Your bones are alive. Drinking milk for your bone health is a myth that has no medical basis. Your skeleton is your body's support; our clinic is your health support. Do you want to protect your bones from osteoporosis? Come in so we can teach you how to take care and feed your bones naturally. □

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Millennial Money: Make renting work for your financial goals

By **AMRITA JAYAKUMAR**
Associated Press

"Renting is just throwing money away."

"Renting is like paying someone else instead of paying yourself."

You may have heard these opinions from family and friends, but it's not that simple. In some areas (looking at you, San Francisco), renting is far more economical than buying a home. But renting can be used to fatten your credit profile as a steppingstone to your financial goals.

MILLENNIALS WANT TO BUY BUT FACE BARRIERS

Millennials are delaying homeownership and staying in rentals longer than previous generations, multiple studies show.

Student debt — that bane of millennial existence — is one factor pushing back the age of homeownership.

Rising rents and home prices coupled with slow wage growth also make it hard to



In this April 23, 2018, file photo a for rent sign denotes the availability of another existing home in Jackson, Miss.

Associated Press

save for a down payment. The vast majority of Americans — 9 out of 10 — still equate homeownership with personal success and economic security, according to a survey released in July by the web-

site Apartment List. The survey of a nationally representative sample of people found both renters and homeowners believe there is a social stigma associated with renting.

HOW TO MAKE RENT WORK

FOR YOU

You cannot fully control how much money you make.

But your credit score the key to qualifying for rewards credit cards, financing a car or even a home

— is largely under your control. Rent payments can be used to beef up your score. For many millennials, rent payments are a great way to demonstrate responsible behavior to potential creditors. But rent payments — unlike credit card, mortgage and loan payments — don't automatically appear on credit reports. And your credit scores rely on what's in your credit reports.

There are two ways to get rent added to your reports:

ASK YOUR LANDLORD. Two of the three major credit bureaus — Experian and TransUnion — accept payment information from landlords. Both bureaus' websites have a simple process for landlords to sign up.

DO IT YOURSELF.

You can use third-party companies such as RentTrack, Rock The Score and others to report rent payments directly to one or more bureaus for a monthly fee. □

Uber to open regional hub in Dallas, resulting in 3,000 jobs

By **DAVID WARREN**
Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Uber will receive a \$24 million incentive package from Texas officials and open a new administrative hub in Dallas, bringing with it about 3,000 jobs, Gov. Greg Abbott announced Tuesday.

The offices that will open in the historic Deep Ellum section of Dallas will house various corporate functions, officials said.

Abbott said in a statement that the state's "business-friendly environment makes Texas the perfect home for innovative companies like Uber."

Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi said in the same statement that Dallas was the first city in Texas where the Uber ride-sharing app became available in 2012. He says, "Texas has been a hub of innovation for our platform."

The jobs created by the regional hub will result in a \$400 million annual payroll, officials said.

Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins, the county's top administrator, said the move "will provide a huge boost to our urban core with a positive wave that will spread across our entire county and region."

Uber, which has its headquarters in San Francisco, offers ride-hailing services along with food delivery and other forms of transportation. It has yet to turn a profit and lost \$1 billion in the first quarter of 2019. Executives have said it could take years to make money.

The company announced in July that it has launched "comfort" rides in dozens of cities. Riders are guaranteed 36 inches of legroom in "newer" cars — meaning those that are under five years old — and they can request a preferred air temperature. Riders can also use the app to tell drivers they don't want to chat, avoiding what some consider an awkward exchange. □



In this Aug. 9, 2019, file photo, the logo for Uber appears above a trading post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

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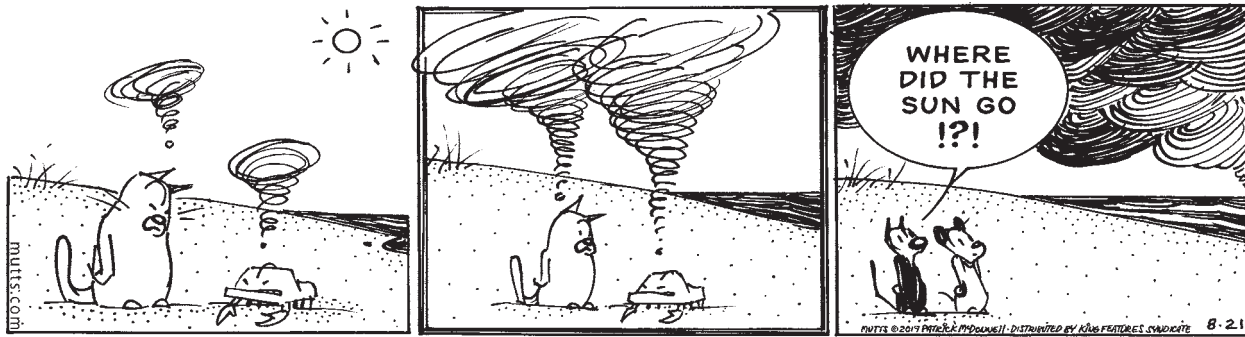
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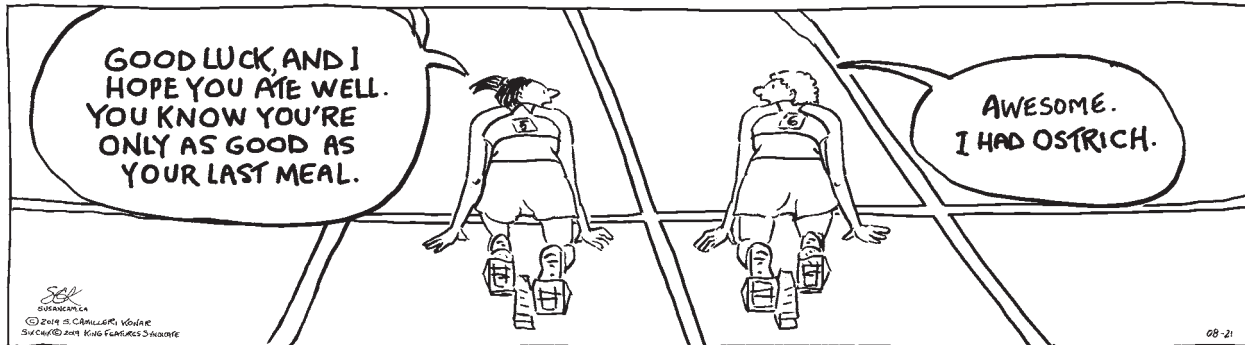
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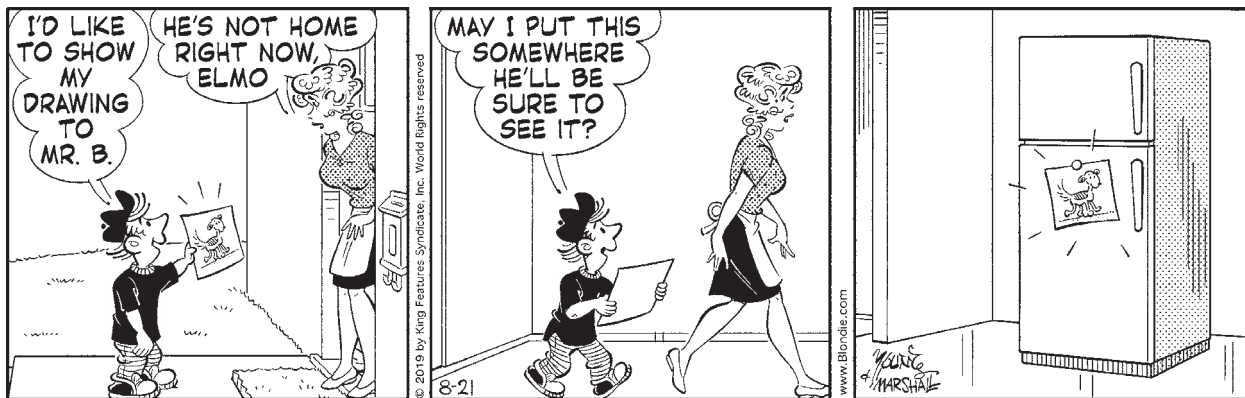
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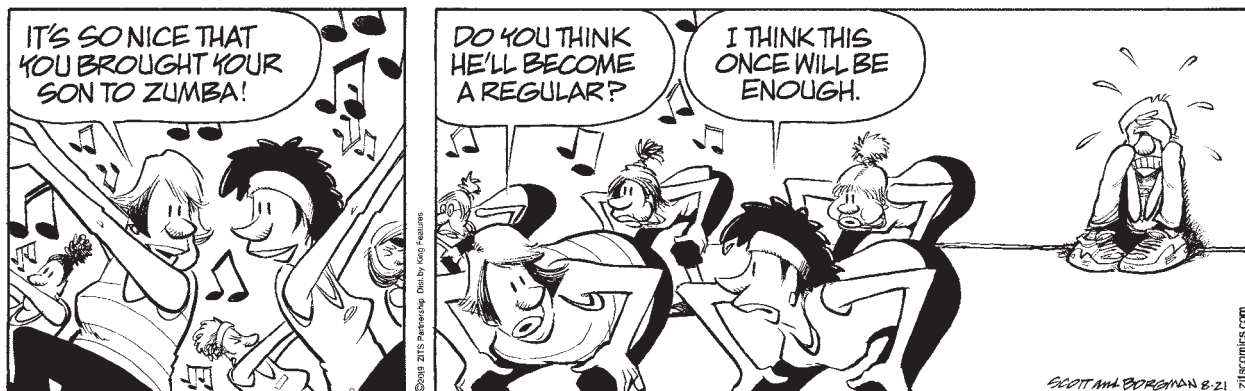
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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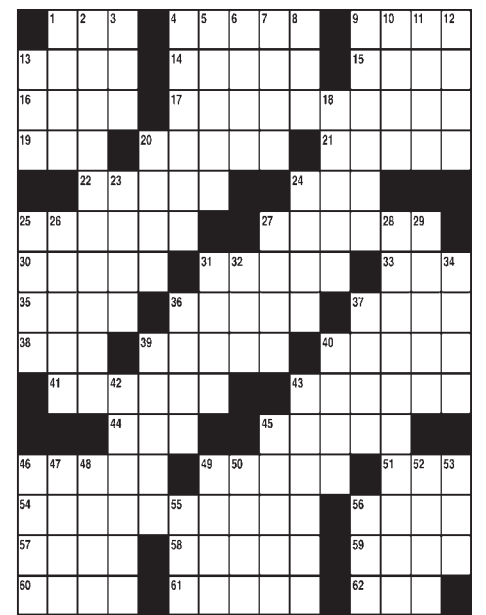
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- Casual farewells
- Very eager
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- Tree coating
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- Stocking stuffer
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- Bekins truck
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- Twelve
- Natural disaster
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- Not at all harsh
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- Cunning

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Thailand's lost baby dugong dies of shock, ingesting plastic

By PITCHA DANGPRASITH Associated Press BANGKOK (AP) — An 8-month-old dugong nurtured by marine experts after it was found lost near a beach in southern Thailand has died of what biologists believe was a combination of shock and ingesting plastic waste.

The female dugong — a large ocean mammal — was named "Marium" and became a hit in Thailand after images of biologists embracing and feeding her with milk and sea grass spread across social media.

Veterinarians and volunteers had set out in canoes to feed Marium for up to 15 times a day while also giving her health checks. Last week, she was found bruised after being chased and supposedly attacked by a male dugong during the mating season, said Jatuporn Buruspat, the director-general of the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources.

She was brought in for treatment in the artificial sea on Libong Island in Krabi province.

"We assume she wandered off too far from her natural habitat and was chased, and eventually attacked by another male dugong, or dugongs, as they feel attracted to her," he said Saturday.

An autopsy showed a big amount of plastic waste in her intestine, which could also have played a part in her death as it led to gastritis and blood infection, he said.

"She must've thought these plastics were edible," Jatuporn said. The dugong is a species of marine mammal similar to the American manatee and can grow to about 3.4 meters (11 feet) in length. Its conservation status is listed as vulnerable. □



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Earth's future is being written in fast-melting Greenland

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**

AP Science Writer

HELHEIM GLACIER, Greenland (AP) — This is where Earth's refrigerator door is left open, where glaciers dwindle and seas begin to rise.

New York University air and ocean scientist David Holland, who is tracking what's happening in Greenland from both above and below, calls it "the end of the planet." He is referring to geography more than the future. Yet in many ways this place is where the planet's warmer and watery future is being written.

It is so warm here, just inside the Arctic Circle, that on an August day, coats are left on the ground and Holland and colleagues work on the watery melting ice without gloves. In one of the closest towns, Kulusuk, the morning temperature reached a shirtsleeve 52 degrees Fahrenheit (10.7 degrees Celsius).

The ice Holland is standing on is thousands of years old. It will be gone within a year or two, adding yet more water to rising seas worldwide.

Summer this year is hitting Greenland hard with record-shattering heat and extreme melt. By the end of the summer, about 440 billion tons (400 billion metric tons) of ice — maybe more — will have melted or calved off Greenland's giant ice sheet, scientists estimate. That's enough water to flood Pennsylvania or the country of Greece about a foot (35 centimeters) deep. In just the five days from July 31 to Aug. 3, more than 58 billion tons (53 billion metric tons) melted from the surface. That's over 40 billion tons more than the average for this time of year. And that 58 billion tons



In this Aug. 15, 2019, photo, a boat navigates at night next to large icebergs in eastern Greenland. Greenland's ice has been melting for more than 20 years.

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doesn't even count the huge calving events or the warm water eating away at the glaciers from below, which may be a huge factor.

And one of the places hit hardest this hot Greenland summer is here on the southeastern edge of the giant frozen island: Helheim, one of Greenland's fastest-retreating glaciers, has shrunk about 6 miles (10 kilometers) since scientists came here in 2005.

Several scientists, such as NASA oceanographer Josh Willis, who is also in Greenland, studying melting ice from above, said what's happening is a combination of man-made climate change and natural but weird weather patterns. Glaciers here do shrink in the summer and grow in the winter, but nothing like this year.

Summit Station, a research camp nearly 2 miles high (3,200 meters) and far north, warmed to above freezing twice this year for

a record total of 16.5 hours. Before this year, that station was above zero for only 6.5 hours in 2012, once in 1889 and also in the Middle Ages.

This year is coming near but not quite passing the extreme summer of 2012 — Greenland's worst year in modern history for melting, scientists report.

"If you look at climate model projections, we can expect to see larger areas of the ice sheet experiencing melt for longer durations of the year and greater mass loss going forward," said University of Georgia ice scientist Tom Mote. "There's every reason to believe that years that look like this will become more common."

A NASA satellite found that Greenland's ice sheet lost about 255 billion metric tons of ice a year between 2003 and 2016, with the loss rate generally getting worse over that period. Nearly all of the 28 Greenland glaciers that Danish climate scientist Ruth Mottram measured are retreating, especially Helheim.

At Helheim, the ice, snow and water seem to go on and on, sandwiched by bare dirt mountains that now show no signs of ice but get covered in the winter. The only thing that gives a sense of scale is the helicopter carrying Holland

and his team. It's dwarfed by the landscape, an almost imperceptible red speck against the ice cliffs where Helheim stops and its remnants begin.

Those ice cliffs are somewhere between 225 feet (70 meters) and 328 feet (100 meters) high. Just next to them are Helheim's remnants — sea ice, snow and icebergs — forming a mostly white expanse, with a mishmash of shapes and textures. Frequently water pools amid that white, glimmering a near-fluorescent blue that resembles windshield wiper fluid or Kool-Aid.

As pilot Martin Norregaard tries to land his helicopter on the broken-up part of what used to be glacier — a mush called a melange — he looks for ice specked with dirt, a sign that it's firm enough for the chopper to set down on. Pure white ice could conceal a deep crevasse that leads to a cold and deadly plunge.

Holland and team climb out to install radar and GPS to track the ice movement and help explain why salty, warm, once-tropical water attacking the glacier's "underbelly" has been bubbling to the surface.

"It takes a really long time to grow an ice sheet, thousands and thousands of years, but they can be broken up or destroyed quite

rapidly," Holland said.

Holland, like NASA's Willis, suspects that warm, salty water that comes in part from the Gulf Stream in North America is playing a bigger role than previously thought in melting Greenland's ice. And if that's the case, that's probably bad news for the planet, because it means faster and more melting and higher sea level rise. Willis said that by the year 2100, Greenland alone could cause 3 or 4 feet (more than 1 meter) of sea level rise.

So it's crucial to know how much of a role the air above and the water below play.

"What we want for this is an ice sheet forecast," Holland said.

In this remote landscape, sound travels easily for miles. Every several minutes there's a faint rumbling that sounds like thunder, but it's not. It's ice cracking.

In tiny Kulusuk, about a 40-minute helicopter ride away, Mugu Utuaq says the winter that used to last as much as 10 months when he was a boy can now be as short as five months. That matters to him because as the fourth-ranked dogsledder in Greenland, he has 23 dogs and needs to race them.

They can't race in the summer, but they still have to eat. So Utuaq and friends go whale hunting with rifles in small boats. If they succeed, which this day they didn't, the dogs can eat whale.

"People are getting rid of their dogs because there's no season," said Yewlin, who goes by one name. He used to run a sled dog team for tourists at a hotel in neighboring Tasilaq, but they no longer can do that. Yes, the melting glaciers, less ice and warmer weather are noticeable and much different from his childhood, said Kulusuk Mayor Justus Paulsen, 58. Sure, it means more fuel is needed for boats to get around, but that's OK, he said.

"We like it because we like to have a summer," Paulsen said. □



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Actor Javier Bardem urges UN delegates to protect oceans

By EDITH M. LEDERER

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) —

Spanish actor and environmental activist Javier Bardem said Monday “we are all villains” for playing “deaf and blind” and not caring about the world’s oceans, which are under more pressure than at any time in history.

The Oscar winner came to the United Nations to press delegates who are drafting an international treaty to protect oceans to support a strong document “that can actually create safe havens for marine life to recover.”

“Our oceans are on the verge of collapse, and we have all played a huge role in this,” Bardem said. “Now we must all play our part, especially you in this room.” He was speaking on a lunchtime panel in the conference room where delegates from the world’s na-



Javier Bardem poses for a picture in Times Square New York, Monday, Aug. 19, 2019.

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tions will meet over the next two weeks for the third of four treaty drafting sessions. But he started his remarks saying, “I see too many

empty chairs here which worries me a lot,” because an effective treaty is crucial for future generations and the future of the planet.

Bardem said the biggest mistake delegates can make “is not to care” and take seriously the threat of a possible catastrophe.

He cited the ills that have made the oceans unhealthy: plastic pollution, over-fishing, mining, drilling, ocean acidification “and of course, climate break-down.”

The drafting committee is expected to produce a draft treaty in 2020, with the aim of having it adopted as a legally binding document under The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. It will govern the conservation and use of plants and animals in the 64% of the world’s ocean waters that do not come under national jurisdictions.

Bardem was asked what message he would have for President Donald Trump, who announced two years ago that the U.S. was withdrawing from the 2015 Paris climate agreement aimed at limiting greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming. □

A memorably horrific wedding night in 'Ready or Not'

By MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

Traditionally, weddings usually lead to some fun and games in the bedroom for the happy and exhausted couple. In the new horror-thriller "Ready or Not," that's definitely true — but the games aren't always fun.

Samara Weaving has a breakout performance as a new bride who tries to stay alive until dawn after

her wedding day as her in-laws hunt her down and try to kill her. (Talk about an awkward brunch the next morning.) It's a well-plotted film that excellently mixes gore and humor while also offering some social commentary by torching the clueless rich.

Weaving plays Grace, a foster kid who yearns for family, who marries Alex Le Domas, the scion of a wealthy family that built its



This image provided by Fox Searchlight Pictures shows Kristian Bruun, from left, Melanie Scrofano, Andie MacDowell, Henry Czerny, Nicky Guadagni, Adam Brody and Elyse Levesque in the film "Ready or Not."

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fortune on games. Whenever a new member tries to join the clan, they have a "weird family ritual" — they play a game. Sometimes it's checkers or Old Maid. Sometimes its hunt-down-the-newcomer.

This last possibility is not exactly well communicated by her betrothed, surely a candidate for Worst Groom Ever, played by Mark O'Brien. "It's not too late to flee, you know," he tells

her. She replies, but without knowing the full consequences: "No, thank you. I'm all the way in." Grace then, unfortunately, picks the most dangerous game of all.

But this time, the Le Domas family has found a worthy challenger. Grace will not go quietly, ripping her wedding dress so she can be more mobile — a nod to Uma Thurman's angry bride in "Kill Bill" — ditching

her heels for a pair of Converse high tops and fighting back. "This doesn't end well for you," she is warned. "Ready or Not " has a script by Guy Busick and R. Christopher Murphy, who seem to have played many games of Clue, and is directed by Matt Bettinelli-Olpin and Tyler Gillett, as well as executive produced by Chad Villella, the latter trio collectively known as Radio Silence. □

Paul Simon plants a tree at Hawaii forest preserve on Maui



In this Friday, Aug. 16, 2019 photo, musician Paul Simon, left, joins in a prayer lead by Aimee Sato, second from right, prior to the planting of a lama tree at Auwahi Forest Reserve on Maui, Hawaii.

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KULA, Hawaii (AP) — Musician Paul Simon joined environmentalists trying to reinvigorate a Hawaii forest on Maui and planted a tree during a ceremony, a report said.

The singer-songwriter visited Auwahi Forest Resto-

ration Project with volunteers who are trying to revive plant life in the area, The Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported Friday. Simon helped plant a lama tree and participated in chants with the group after a helicopter tour that he called "awe-

inspiring" and "life-changing."

Simon inserted the plant and a scroll into a hole before refilling the soil and speaking with group members.

"To even sit with you guys and be in the same community is such a privilege," Simon said.

The part-time Maui resident performed two environmental benefit concerts at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center earlier in the week that drew more than 8,000 attendees. Simon plans to donate the proceeds to the Auwahi project and the Hawaii environmental group Kuagaia Ulu Auamo.

Simon was put in contact with the environmentalists after visiting Hoolawa Farms in Haiku to view a rare kanaloa plant, one of only two in existence. □

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Could we be any more excited? 'Friends' fans nuts for merch

By **LEANNE ITALIE**

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — See your "Friends" on the big screen. Deck out your place with "Friends" furniture. Wear your "Friends" as jewelry. Heck, buy the "Friends" Lego set and pretend it's for your kid.

If you're a "Friends" super-fan, there are lots of ways to celebrate the show's 25th anniversary on Sept. 22.

"It transcends generations," Maryellen Zarakas, a Warner Bros. senior vice president, said of the show that ended after 10 seasons in 2004. "Everybody still goes through growing up into your 20s when you get your first job, your first heartbreak, your first time your friends really become your family."

The studio has partnered with a range of companies to celebrate the quarter-century mark. Here's a look at some of the fun:

THE FATHOM EVENT

Fans broke Fathom Events' website, for about 15 minutes anyway, when tickets went on sale for three days of movie house screenings of popular episodes. A dozen episodes are hitting movie theaters Sept. 23, 28 and Oct. 2. Each night includes four "Friends" episodes that have been newly remastered in 4K from the original 35mm camera negatives. There will also be never-before-seen extras.



In this Sept. 22, 2002 file photo, the stars of "Friends," David Schwimmer, Lisa Kudrow, Matthew Perry, Courteney Cox Arquette, Jennifer Aniston and Matt LeBlanc pose at the 54th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards, at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

"It's those really iconic moments that people want to see over and over again," Zarakas said. "That's how the Fathom Event came about."

Tom Lucas, a Fathom vice president, said the idea was to "allow a group of friends, for lack of a better word, to go together and enjoy it on the big screen." Fathom has more than 1,400 theaters on board. That amounts to well over 200,000 seats available each night, making it the largest Fathom Event ever,

Lucas said.

THE LEGOS

Is your brick building stuck in second gear? Maybe a Central Perk set will help. It goes on sale Sept. 1 for \$59.99 at Lego stores and on Lego.com.

The collectible set recreates the gang's coffee shop and comes with figures of the six buddies, plus Gunther.

There's a seating area, including — YES — the couch, an armchair and two other chairs.

Builders can construct

the stage where Phoebe performed "Smelly Cat." There's a brick-built coffee machine, walls, a window with the Central Perk logo, TV studio light rigs, coffee mugs, flowers and the familiar low table.

The set came together with the help of Lego fans who are asked each year what sets they'd like to see.

"It's the fans who really wanted to do a 'Friends' set," Zarakas said. "When we heard about that we were, of course, all in."

THE POP-UPS

In New York, tickets sold out in two hours for "The One with the Pop-Up" immersive experience in Manhattan. The monthlong pop-up opens Sept. 7 and runs through Oct. 6. It includes Central Perk, props for photos, and some of the iconic looks for Ross, Rachel, Joey, Monica, Chandler and Phoebe.

"It's for the ultimate 'Friends' fan," Zarakas said. "You can peek through Rachel and Monica's very famous purple door. You can relax on Chandler and Joey's recliner."

Lines have been around the corner for the Central Perk pop-up in Santa Monica, California. The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf created a 'gram-worthy "Friends" experience, orange couch included.

There's memorabilia from the sitcom and specialty drinks named for its cast: The Rachel Matcha Latte, The Joey Mango Cold Brew Tea and The Phoebe Cookies & Cream Ice Blend among them.

The Coffee Bean did the same pop-up in West Hollywood. Both end Friday.

THE BLING

The moments, the one-liners, the memories. You can have them all in accessories from the eco-conscious Alex and Ani. The brand has created a seven-piece "Friends" capsule line of mostly charm bracelets to mark the anniversary. □

'A Dangerous Man' is suspenseful, tightly written

By **BRUCE DESILVA**

Associated Press

"A Dangerous Man: An Elvis Cole and Joe Pike Novel" (G.P. Putnam's Sons), by Robert Crais

Joe Pike is about to climb into his Jeep on Los Angeles' Miracle Mile when he sees a man force a young woman into the back seat of a waiting car. When the car pulls away from the curb, Pike follows.

Fans of Robert Crais' fine series of private eye novels featuring Elvis Cole and Joe Pike can predict what happens next in "A Dangerous Man."

Pike, the dangerous man of the title, catches the car at a stoplight, smashes the driver's side window, drags the driver and his accomplice out, and roughs them up enough to give one of them a concussion.

But when the young woman, Isabel Roland, is promptly kidnapped a second time, it's apparent something more than a simple abduction is at work. Pike, determined to solve the mystery and save the girl, calls his pal Elvis Cole for help.

Although Cole and Pike stand up for the underdog,

the two partners are otherwise profoundly different. Cole is a sociable fellow who wears Hawaiian shirts, can chuckle about himself and would be a hoot to hang out with. Pike is a scowling former Marine sniper and an enigmatic loner who doesn't find much of anything to laugh about.

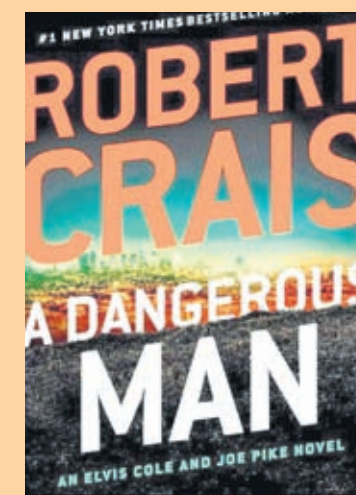
This time around, Pike drives the action with Cole and medical examiner John Chen, another recurring character, in supporting roles.

As they search for Isabel, Stetson-wearing U.S. Mar-

shal Pryor Gregg is investigating the torture and murder of a retired marshal. When Gregg realizes the murder and Isabel's abduction are related, he pays Cole a visit and the action ramps up.

This is the 17th Cole and Pike novel, putting it well past the point that many crime fiction series become repetitive or otherwise lose their steam.

But "A Dangerous Man" suspenseful, fast-paced, tightly written and peopled with compelling characters is one of Crais' best. □



This cover image released by G.P. Putnam's Sons shows "A Dangerous Man," by Robert Crais.

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Lots to sample on a weekend visit to Pittsburgh dining scene

By **MELISSA RAYWORTH**

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — When celebrity chef Lidia Bastianich decided to open a restaurant in Pittsburgh's Strip District in 2001, she arrived in a neighborhood filled with warehouses and factories.

This narrow stretch of streets in the shadow of the city's downtown office towers had long been home to food purveyors like Wholey's Fish Market and the Pennsylvania Macaroni Company, known to locals simply as Penn Mac.

But a high-end restaurant helmed by a James Beard award-winning chef? That wasn't something anyone expected.

Nearly two decades later, as Bastianich's eponymous Pittsburgh restaurant is set to close in September, the neighborhood around it has changed dramatically. Along what is now called Robotics Row, tech startups vie for office space in new buildings while Argo AI tests autonomous cars.

In the process, Pittsburgh's restaurant scene has become almost as unrecognizable.

The city has always had spots where you could drop in for a memorable meal, from the upscale Monterey Bay Fish Grotto on Mount Washington to the always-satisfying French fries at Essie's Original Hot Dog Shop in Oakland.

But a mix of homegrown chefs and transplants



This undated photo provided by the Galley Group shows the exterior of Smallman Galley in Pittsburgh's Strip District, once an industrial neighborhood and now home to robotics startups and Argo AI.

from other cities have been opening risk-taking and award-winning restaurants, offering creative spins on American food and authentic takes on cuisines like Venezuelan and Vietnamese that would have been hard to find less than a decade ago.

Earlier this year, the BBC called Pittsburgh "the one destination foodies shouldn't miss in 2019," and The Washington Post noted that Pittsburgh has "cuisine worth writing home about."

Ben Mantica, who co-founded Pittsburgh's popular food hall Smallman Galley in 2015 and followed up with Federal Galley in 2017, credits the restaurant revival to an in-

flux of new residents drawn to Pittsburgh by Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Pittsburgh and the growing number of tech companies operating in the city. Accustomed to dining well in San Francisco or Austin or Seattle, he says, these new Pittsburgh residents are seeking new cuisines and meals worth Instagramming.

At his food halls, Mantica and co-founder Tyler Benson host a rotating selection of pop-ups, each workshopping a different dining concept. Their "restaurant incubators" allow chefs to road-test creative ideas without needing a huge financial investment. Some, like chef Pete Tolman's Iron Born Pizza (Detroit-style deep dish with a wickedly good fermented crust that caramelizes as it bakes in steel pans), move on to open their own brick-and-mortar restaurants.

Others shift to a new concept: Chef Summer Le had a hit with the Vietnamese pop-up Bahnmi-licious at Smallman Galley in 2017, and opened Shaka (Hawaiian poke bowls and Vietnamese pho) this month at Federal Galley.

Brian McCollum, who has been organizing Pittsburgh Restaurant Week since 2012, says independent

chefs like Le are "driving more of the innovation," and that's had a positive ripple effect on restaurants in general.

"It's almost as if the more corporate restaurant groups are having to be just as innovative" to compete, he says.

Chef Bethany Zozula, who helms the Whitfield restaurant at Pittsburgh's Ace Hotel, says the city's close-knit community of chefs encourage one another. In this relatively small city, "everybody knows each other," she says. They're willing to help each other source the right ingredients, "or if you need a phone number of a forager."

So what should you try on a weekend of dining in the Steel City?

FRIDAY NIGHT

Dinner at Smallman Galley in the Strip District will give you a choice of four pop-ups, all offering elevated comfort food. Try the chicken and biscuits at the pop-up called Home and finish off your meal with sweets from the pop-up Sultry.

If you'd prefer a more upscale vibe, try Zozula's restaurant, Whitfield in East Liberty. She sources beef from a ranch two hours away in Bedford, Pennsylvania. The cocktail menu is strong (try the Queen Bee: bourbon, chamomile honey syrup, lemon and pineapple) and the vibe inside this rehabbed Y.M.C.A. building is effortlessly cool.

Then hit one of the many craft-beer taprooms a short drive away in Lawrenceville. Eleventh Hour Brewing Company is among the best, offering a sublime nitro stout and a range of other brews.

Craving a late-night snack? There's a little izakaya called Umami tucked upstairs on the second floor above the Round Corner Cantina on Butler Street. They serve authentic Japanese skewers until 2 a.m. on weekends.

SATURDAY

Sleep in, then wander in the Strip District and grab an early lunch — either authentic pierogis at S&D Polish Deli or fresh seafood at Wholey's Fish Market. □



This undated photo provided by the Galley Group shows Poke bowl by chef Summer Le at the Shaka pop-up at Federal Galley. Associated Press



This undated photo provided by Galley Group shows Elevated chicken sandwiches by chef Phillip Milton at "Which Came First?" a chicken- and egg-focused pop-up at Federal Galley in Pittsburgh.

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